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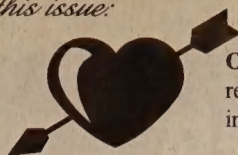
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...that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain...

-The Gettysburg Address

GRAHAM RICHARDS, MAYOR of Fort Wayne, is giving a speech by North Side's symbolic flag pole. The gathering and bringing together of students is a way to help relieve the feelings about the tragedy that accured on September 11, 2001. photo by: Liz Willer

## North Side Mission Statement

The mission of the North Side High School community is to provide each student with the opportunity to develop the academic, personal, and social skills necessary for graduation and lifelong learning and success.

## Fresh meat teachers

Diana Flores  
Reporter

For the school year of 2001-2002, there are 17 new teachers on the staff. Some of the teachers may have been scared or worried about their first day of school. Just like students on the first day of school, teachers get nervous and sometimes get butterflies.

It is the same case with teachers. Being new does not make it any easier for them. This is a big school with many offices. Who knows where to go and who to ask for help? It takes time to learn. Anyone can get lost.

What went through all of the teachers heads on the first day? What were their expectations about coming to teach at this school? How well did the teachers and students function on the first day of school?

Maureen Riedenbach, ESL teacher, is one of the new teachers. Riedenbach got lost a couple of times in the building on the first day of school. She and her stu-

dents took a tour to get more familiar with the school. Also she was not sure what office to go to for help, and if she had any questions, who to ask.

Riedenbach says middle school is a big difference from high school. One of the reasons why Riedenbach came here to teach is because she wanted to teach and work with mature students. Her main goal this year is to get her freshmen students ready for high school. Riedenbach is presently pleased with the school so far and has not had any problems with any of her students. She also appreciates how respectful the staff and students are.

"Not only teachers but students too respect the building and each other," said Riedenbach.

She and her students functioned fairly well for the first day, and she is not planning on any trouble from her students.

Not only is Riedenbach pleased so far with the way things are going, but so is Amy Marquelling. Marquelling is the new teacher in the Science Department. She is familiar with some of her students and some of the staff members from her student teaching days here. Not only is she a new teacher, but she is also the new coach for freshmen volleyball. She loves teaching just as much as she enjoys participating in athletic sports.

For her first day she felt out of place and as if everything was going to go wrong. Marquelling was pleased to find out everything turned out just fine.

She felt very excited to be teaching at the school. One thing that she noticed is that her students have good behavior, and they show respect toward each other. She really enjoys teaching here so far. Marquelling also has not had any problems but wants to let her students know about her expectations for her class. On the first day they went over all the rules, regulations, and her grading system.

"I have had a positive experience so far," said Marquelling.

It is good to know how the teachers think and feel about the school. In the end, everything came out just fine and now that school is back in session and we are all a little more familiar with each other, things will go by much easier. The plans are to have a great year.

## DRESS CODE POLICY

Students dress should be appropriate for the student environment. Although North Side has left to much to the discretion the students and parents, there are certain items that will not allowed.

Hats and sunglasses are not to be worn in the building from a time a student enters the building until 2:35 p.m. Bandannas can not be worn or carried. Shoes must be worn at all times. House shoes, flip flops/shower thongs are not appropriate for school.

The wearing of coats will be left to the discretion of each teacher.

Clothing or jewelry which advertise drugs, alcohol, weapons or tobacco products or which bear slogans, symbols or pictures which are contrary to common standards of decency are also not permitted. Clothing or jewelry lettered or drawn with gang or satanic or symbols is not permitted. Any clothing with racial, gender put-downs, or sexual references is absolutely unacceptable. Hair combs and picks are not to be worn in the hair. Spiked jewelry is prohibited. Since shorts are permissible year round, the length should cover the body appropriately, as should skirts and dresses. Tops, blouses, and dresses must sufficiently cover the body so that they are not distracting. Therefore bare midriffs, sheer material, low cut, off the shoulder, strapless, and tube styles should not be worn.

Haircuts with symbols or words visible, which are indecent or inappropriate for any of the above reasons, are not permitted. Pants are to be worn at the waist so that underclothing, etc., is covered. Clothing with holes that are inappropriately placed is not allowed. If clothing is found to be inappropriate the student will be asked to change. Parents may be contacted to bring a change of clothing or the student may be sent home, with parental permission, to change clothes.

It is recommended that bookbags and backpacks fit under the students desk due to small classroom size.

School officials may request a parent conference if a student is unwilling to comply with the rules or a student continually fails to comply with the dress requirements.

## Please meet your Northerner staff

Leslie Hilton

My name is Leslie A. Hilton. I am a sophomore. I was born long ago. I can tell you nothing else. This newspaper will self-destruct in 3...2...1...BOOM!

Diana Flores

Happy to be a Sophomore and proud to represent the class of 2004, I am willing to help any lost freshman in the building. I learned from experience. Hope you all have a great year and enjoy *The Northerner*!

Katie Klein

I am a freshman and am 15-years-old. I like to go see movies, go to the mall, and I enjoy going to amusement parks. I am also in Colorguard, because I get a chance to meet new people.

Andrea Brown

I am a first year *Northerner* writer. I have no idea what is going on around me half of the time. If I often look confused, it is because I am trying to figure stuff out. Come support the volleyball team and watch out for loose mullets!

Payne Randle

Graduated from Player's University in 1999. Enjoys taking long walks on the beach and long conversations. Looking for a nice young lady who can cook. I like puppies, ice cream, and spending time with loved ones, and cuddling by fireplaces while listening to slow cuts.

Christina Lauer

Enjoying the beauty of the earth, the fresh air, the hot guys! Ladies keep your eyes open; there are some hot ones out there. Now that you have a taste of my personality, let us get to the basics. I was born in Forthood, Texas, on an army base. I am a junior and sixteen years of age (stay away from the sidewalks). For fun I love to hang out with my friends. We spend most of our time in our cars screaming at people and honking our horns at parked cars. I am going to stop here, because if I were to tell you anymore, you might think that I am a little bit crazy.

Blane Pressler

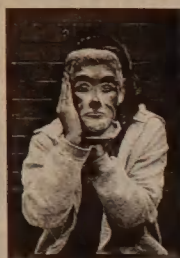
Future superstar! I will one day be on movie posters and magazine covers. Today a sophomore, tomorrow a movie star. The next Tom Cruise, the next John Travolta. I am bound for stardom. For now I guess, I will just stick to high school.

## Quote of the Day

Don't be afraid to make a mistake; your readers might like it.  
-William Randolph Hearst

## From the Desk of . . .

## Renovation becomes a sensation



Melinda Lauer  
Editor-in-Chief

Yello! 'Tis Melly at your request. I am the youngest rugrat in my family. My only friends growing up were a cow named Heffer and a wallaby named Rocko. One time while I was visiting my cousins Spongebob and Patrick in Bikini Bottom, I had a bad experience with angry beavers. On a double dare, I was supposed to capture them, but when trying, kablam, I ran into AHH! real monsters. My life has straightened out, but from now on I still turn when hearing, "Hey, Arnold!"



Elizabeth Willer  
Opinion Editor

I enjoy long moonlit walks on the riverbank and romantic lunches in the cafeteria. My hobbies include climbing stairs, looking for parking spaces, and getting to lunch before the lines are long. What did you say? The river is polluted? No wonder my feet turned green. I wonder if the toenails will grow back.....



Andy Milentis  
Sports Editor

Greetings North Side students and faculty. Allow me to introduce myself. My name is Andy Milentis and I am a junior. This is my second year on the Northerner staff. Hopefully it will be an exciting one. For the 2000-2001 school year I take on the role of Sports page Editor. It has a nice ring to it don't you think?



Ashley Alfeld  
Features Editor

Hello, fellow students. Well, it looks like this year I am going to be the new Northerner Features Page Editor. Since most students have no idea who I am, I will first introduce myself. My name is Ashley Alfeld, and I am one of the many slackers... I mean juniors here at North Side. Well, I guess I should also tell you a little bit about myself. I am 16 years old, currently unemployed, and my favorite hobby is sleeping. I also enjoy listening to music and running people over with my car. Other than that, I do not know what to say about myself, so I guess it will just be at that. Have a slamin' year and try not to get into too much trouble. Peace, Ash



Laura Taliaferro  
Principal

North Side High School is being seriously considered for a major renovation project. For this to occur, several publics must see the need for the makeover. First the school board must approve and support a project of this magnitude. Secondly the public must have a time for input and to be able to voice their kudos and/or concerns for the project and the state tax board must approve the process. If all goes well and the board, the public and the state give their endorsement, construction could begin in approximately 18 months.

What does this mean to the

## There is no "I" in team...or club

Leslie Hilton  
Reporter

Currently there are three sports that are not approved by the state of Indiana. Due to this, hockey, bowling, and men's volleyball are all considered to be clubs.

A club can be a team, and a team can be a sport. However, there is a difference between the two of them. Teams are groups of people who gather with a common interest. A sport is a physical activity that is governed by a set of rules and customs. A sport is often engaged in competitively.

These three sports above are engaged in competitively. However, they are not considered sports at North Side.

Unless the Indiana High School Athletic Association (IHSAA) approves a high school sport that high school sport is considered to be a club. If the IHSAA approves a club, it will then be acknowledged as a sport. It will also then receive funding from the state of Indiana. In order for a high school club to become a sport and become eligible for state funding, it must under go several complicated procedures.

The IHSAA was established in 1906. It is a voluntary,

North Side students, staff, parents and the community? What benefits will all constituents realize?

From a student's perspective, he/she may realize the following advantages: a larger, well equipped cafeteria; more student spaces and better hallway flow; larger classrooms; up-to-date technology, including more technology for student use; more parking and better traffic flow around the campus; building temperature more consistent; better facilities for performing arts; and improved science labs. Safety issues will also be addressed throughout the campus. Improving North Side handicap accessibility will also be at the forefront. These above-mentioned areas are sorely in need of attention and this renovation project would address these issues.

Staff would enjoy better teaching conditions, as our classrooms now are very small. These undersized spaces challenge teachers to be creative in finding ways to enhance learning through group work and student driven curriculum in the limited space they have. Having facilities that better meet our needs in band, choir, theater

not-for-profit organization. The IHSAA receives no tax monies and is self-supporting. It standardizes, oversees, and governs interschool athletic activities between its 384 member high schools throughout the state of Indiana. The purpose is to encourage and conduct wholesome amateur athletic events within the state of Indiana.

A legislative body governs IHSAA. The legislative body consists of eighteen members. These eighteen members are called the Board of Directors. They are in charge of instituting the IHSAA rules and regulations.

Bowling club competes and practices as much as any other sport. Its members put forth as much effort as, for instance, the golf team. Associates of the bowling club require a twelve-dollar sanction fee. They practice at Wayne Recreation Center. Raina Lyons, sophomore and member of the bowling club, said,

"A sport is when people do it for pleasure or with a friend for recreational enjoyment."

Hockey club, like bowling club and any other team, practices consistently. Their coach, Bob Jesch, holds practices and games at McMillen ice arena. Members of the hockey club have to pay out one thousand two hundred dollars yearly. Most of this money is spent on ice time. Jeffrey Comstock, senior and member of the hockey club, said,

"A sport works together with a

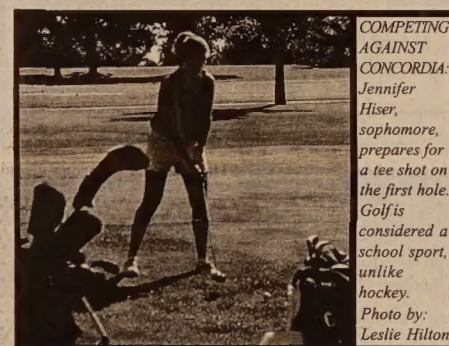
goal to win the game."

Parents will enjoy their student's updated facility when attending school functions, dropping off or picking up their student, or participating in the many parent groups that function throughout the school year. Their tasks should be made easier with improved facilities. North Side parents will appreciate and feel better about a facility that better meets the needs of their students.

The public who often utilize this facility will appreciate the ability to have multiple activities running concurrently that do not interfere with each other in entering, leaving or parking. The facility, which the public uses for dance recitals, police graduations, adult coursework, adult testing and a variety of other activities, will be more user-friendly to all members of the community, especially physically-challenged individuals.

The building, 75 years old, is a

Out of the Blue  
Nine pennies  
weigh exactly  
one ounce.



COMPETING AGAINST CONCORDIA:  
Jennifer Hiser, sophomore, prepares for a tee shot on the first hole. Golf is considered a school sport, unlike hockey.  
Photo by: Leslie Hilton

work together. A sport is a physical activity."

Almost everyone seems to have their own impression of what the difference is between a team and a sport. In spite of all of this, all of their opinions are extremely similar. For example, Cassandra Desmonds, freshman, said,

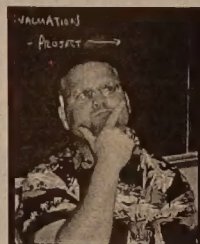
"A team is a group of people playing a game. A sport is something that can be an individual sport or a team sport. That is the difference."

grand school inundated with a tradition-rich history. This project, should it go forward, is dedicated to keeping the feel of that tradition with the practical needs of a 21<sup>st</sup> century high school.

The facility is just one aspect of a great educational organization. In tandem with the facility are students clamoring for knowledge and its application, staff challenging all students to grow and succeed, parents committed to their student's education shown through support, and the public walking the talk that an educated citizenry is a crucial priority. These pieces working together are vital to the health and well being of this great school. The partnership of all stakeholders - renovated facility, hardworking students, dedicated staff, caring and supportive parents and interested community is a necessity for North Side High School to continue to have its strong presence felt in Fort Wayne.

## Off the record....

Should foul language be tolerated in school?



Casey Kolkman  
Staff

"No, because it promotes negativity and is inappropriate. It depends on the words."



Geneva Murdock  
Senior

"No, because it's being disrespectful."



Natasha Jackson  
Junior

"Yes. You should have freedom of speech."



Neil Collins  
Sophomore

"Yeah, because we're grown people."



Natalie Blackman  
Freshman

"It's not good, but you really can't do anything about it."

Photos by: Leslie Hilton, Elizabeth Willer

## Teenage true love or puppy love

Christina Lauer  
Reporter

Boy meets girl, they become deeply in love with each other, they get married and live happily ever after. If

only it was this easy and everyone believed in love. Relationships seem to be an enormous part of teenage lives. Everyone has a different experience; some teens find one true love in high school. Others do not get that lucky or maybe they do not believe in that gushy, true love theory. True love is something everyone should be able to experience in life and more than likely will. Some believe that love is to be earned, and others believe that it is an emotion that cannot be controlled.

Can teens experience true

love, or is it just puppy love? Teens find it easy to think that they have found true love, because they are normally looking for that someone to spend the rest of their lives with. That does not always mean that is their one and only true love.

Junior, Chelsea Staight said, "I believe that I have found true love"

Staight has been in a relationship with her boyfriend senior, Andrew Klein, for a year and half. They love to be with each other; they even take romantic jogs in the morning on the weekends. Staight and Klein said,

"True love occurs when you only want to spend your whole life with just that one person."

Everyone has a different perspective of love even if they have the same opinion.

Freshmen English Teacher, Jennifer Neel, said,

"I think that true love is a choice everyday. You cannot control who you fall in love with but you can control who you want to be with."

Some have the very opposite opinion. Junior, Rameica Vaught said,

"At this age teens really do not know what they want out of life so how could they know if they have found true love or not?"

Does love have anything to do with maturity? Author and social philosopher, Erich Fromm said,

"Immature love says, 'I love you because I need you.' Mature love says, 'I need you because I love you.'"

There are many of reasons why teens do not believe they can fall in love at a young age whether it is because of a broken heart, or because they feel that they are not

mature enough to experience true love. Others may be afraid of love and what comes along with it, all of the time and emotion that is put into it. Sophomore, Jerry Amos said,

"I do not believe in true love because I am not the soft type. I would not like to be with the same girl every day. I would rather be with my friends."

Love is a very complex emotion. Some decide to get involved with all of the different emotions, and put their heart on the line. Others decide to stay as far away from it as possible.

Love is what people make it. It could be a bad experience or an incredible experience.

Love often finds everyone in a way that nothing else does whether it is wanted or not.



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## Facts and misconceptions about being freshmen

Christina Lauer  
Reporter

What is it that is frightening about high school for freshmen? Is it the maturity or the seniority?

The first day of freshmen year is a legend known for being one of the most nerve-racking days in one's life.

The transition from junior high to high school is a tremendous change from the teachers to the school work, from the other students to the diversity found in many schools today.

Every year there are nervous, frightened freshmen dreading that horrifying, embarrassing moment that is often known to happen to every freshmen. Seniors gaze around anxiously just awaiting that horrifying moment to happen, so they can have the

chance to poke fun at the "little freshmen."

Although this is often the number one fear factor, there still are other fears that conquer the freshmen. Freshmen, Maya Puljic, said,

"I heard that we have ghosts that haunt the school, and it really does scare me."

There are many theories about ghosts haunting the hallways. It is a fact that during the initial construction at North Side some workmen were killed. Art teacher, Bruce Massoth, said,

"It has been said since then that there have been

noises such as the sound of a man groaning."

This is one of the many ghost stories told around North Side. The one that is most familiar to all of the students is the mysterious young lady in a white dress. Massoth said,

"I have talked to more than one teacher who claims that they would see the little girl in a white dress in the hall and then she would disappear."

Being a new student, a freshmen, is already scary enough. Having to worry about ghosts in the halls or haunting the stairs probably does not help

much in this case. Besides the scary and horrifying details about the ghosts and being haunted, the freshmen fear facing their future high school experiences based

on a rumor that often circles middle schools that North Side is said to be horrible at sports.

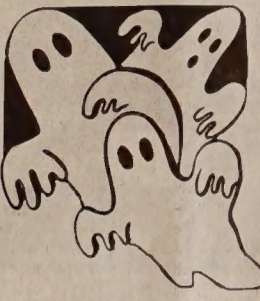
Freshmen, Kyle Christen, said,

"My brother told me that we were not any good at foot ball."

This is a very sensitive subject for most students. This is probably one of the many things that a newcomer has to worry about. This probably also makes it fun for seniors from other schools to have a reason to poke fun at the freshmen. It turns out that this horrible saying has just

become one of the many rumors told about North Side. This year the football team has only lost one game and is trying very hard to keep it that way.

Freshmen probably often ask themselves why. Why does this have to happen to freshmen? Freshmen are tormented and embarrassed by seniors and that does not seem to happen to any other students but the freshmen. Somehow or some way this just became a custom many years ago. It is probably not something that was chosen by the freshmen, of course, but it seems to have become a tradition in high schools across the country.



## Students dealing with new Indiana state curfew

Diana Flores  
Reporter



parent or guardian to come get their child. If failure occurs in trying to contact parents or guardians then, of course, the next procedure would be to take the minor to WYC.

Randall Hosford has been a police officer for 14 years now and has been working our school since October of 1993.

"I don't remember being out that late when I was a kid," said Hosford.

Hosford thinks that most teenagers are responsible and can stay out of trouble, but it is the irresponsible one that make the good ones pay for their actions they take. According to Hosford, for the 14 years that he has been a police officer he can only recall the curfew changing one time and that was in summer of 200.

Those who share interest in the curfew think it is too early. Most teenagers work after school and they want to go out and have fun with their friends after work. However they are unable to because of the curfew. "It's not fair," said sophomore, Jody Curry.



Curry has a part-time job after school and is very upset with the curfew. Curry thinks that the curfew should be later on the weekdays, because teens who work do not have time to go out with friends after work. Also she says that most teenagers are responsible and should be given some slack on the curfew.

The reason why the curfew has changed is because of crime caused by mostly teenagers. The way things are going right now, it does not look like the curfew will be changed. It does not matter what teens say or think about the Indiana State curfew, because it is not going to change or make things any better no matter if teens choose to obey the law or break it. For those who wish to break it, in the end they will pay the consequences.

## Religion affects more students each day

Blane Pressler  
Reporter

North Side is a very diverse place when it comes to just about everything. Religion plays an important role in some students' lives and not a part at all in others.

Kylie Fisher, senior, experiences religion on her own. It was not something her parents decided for her. Fisher said,

"God is completely real and to experience Him is amazing."

She feels the Bible is a reference to prove the Christian religion. It can be a source for Christians to go to when they are in need of guidance. Numerous students agree with her; many do not.

Some students feel having a religion helps them with life's choices. Their religious morals play a huge role in the decision-making process. Other students live by their own morals, which they have set forth for themselves.

Religion is the commitment or devotion to religious faith or observance. If someone wanted to be involved in religion but does not appreciate the aspects of Christian-based religions, they can turn to several different areas. There is the Jewish religion, Muslim, Buddha, and

many more.

To some, whether the person is Jewish or Christian, organized religion is important to their lives.

Some believe in God but not in a particular religion.

"I can't have the same mindset as a group of people," said Emily Kite, sophomore.

She does believe in God, but she does not believe in organized religion. Several of her friends are devoted Christians including her parents as well.

Even with an influence such as a parent, some choose not to have religion in their lives.

"They do have reasons,

Both people with religion and those without said they have friends who do not share their beliefs. Elaine Hughes, sophomore, believes there is a God, but she has no standard for religion for her life. That does not mean that she lives her life without guidelines.

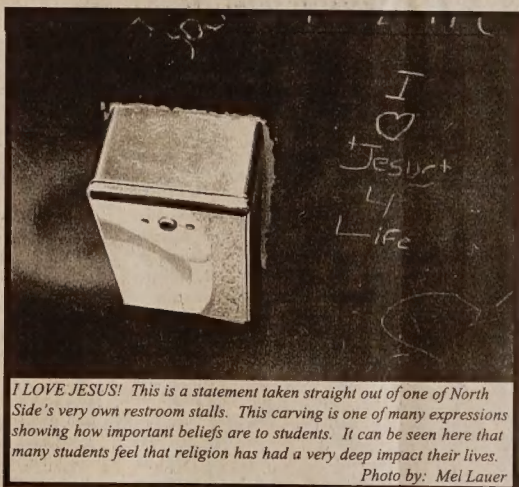
Even most Christian-based religions have some differences in them. Missionary churches are different from Catholic churches. Lutherans differ — even from one another — as well. They all do have one thing in common, though; they are praising whatever their faith may be.

Anthony Racine, senior, said that his life is better with his religion. It helps him make better decisions for himself. He said Christians might not always know it

is the right decision when they make it, but in the end they will know. Racine believes that the Bible is a tool for the Christian based religions. He feels, like many others do, that it can help him through rough times.

Both students with a religion and those without try to set guidelines for how they live their lives. Many feel their life is fine without a religion; others

say they could not believe in anything else. Students try many different things during their high school years; some would say trying to live a life with a religion would be the easiest way. Others might say there is no other life style for them besides a religious one. Teens are experimenting with their lives all the time.



I LOVE JESUS! This is a statement taken straight out of one of North Side's very own restroom stalls. This carving is one of many expressions showing how important beliefs are to students. It can be seen here that many students feel that religion has had a very deep impact their lives. Photo by: Mei Lauer

though," said Kite. "If I were to have a religion, it would add guilt to my life."

She feels religion would be stressful not helpful. She does not feel that religion is a waste of time, by any means, but it is just not for her.

You've just entered...

Skewed Views

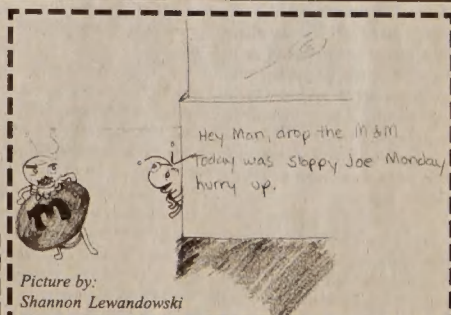
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I can resist everything except temptation. -Oscar Wilde

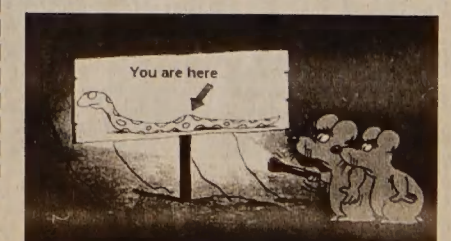


You ARE the weakest link!

Silence, you garrulous dolt!



Picture by: Shannon Lewandowski



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#### AQUARIUS

January 20 - February 19

Today you will begin to have nagging doubts about your feet.

#### PISCES

February 20 - March 20

A family member will ask for a serious discussion — so flip the channel over to C-span and see if that appeases them.

#### ARIES

March 21 - April 20

Stop slouching, and sit up straight! How do you expect to get ahead in the world if you pay no attention to proper posture?

#### TAURUS

April 21 - May 21

People will accuse you of playing games. It might have something to do with the solitary hand showing on your computer screen.

#### GEMINI

May 22 - June 21

Your requests are being ignored. Often you can get people to pay attention by simply adding a few words to the end of your request, such as "Pick up your socks, dear, or die screaming."

#### CANCER

June 22 - July 22

Beware of slime creatures today. There's one lurking in the fridge, pretending to be lettuce.

#### LEO

July 23 - August 23

Rebuild on a more solid base, Andrew's Air Force Base might be a good choice, but make sure you get permission first.

#### VIRGO

August 24 - September 23

You will find yourself in a huge handbasket, before the end of the day, and it will be getting much warmer than you like.

#### LIBRA

September 24 - October 23

Your next fortune cookie will say "See? We told you it tastes like chicken!"

#### SCORPIO

October 24 - November 23

Today you will be struck by the notion that "Life is like one of those little cars that the Shriners get to drive". You have a mind of great depth and profundity.

#### SAGITTARIUS

November 24 - December 23

Happy Frog Day!! Let's hear it for our little amphibious friends!

#### CAPRICORN

December 24 - January 21

You'll sign up for a dating service, and the carbon tests will reveal that you're pretty old!!

## Beginning a new era, "Olden" style

Payne Randle  
Reporter

New days have dawned in the North Side football era. Long time assistant coach Jeff 'O' Olden has become the head coach. With a breath of fresh air, the program is ready to be rejuvenated. Fans and critics alike are anxious to see what the season may hold for the Redskins. Originally from Ohio, Olden has been in the North Side family for six years. Besides being the head coach, he is also the defensive back coach.

When asked what he likes about Olden, wide out and defensive back, Brice Underwood, senior said,

"He treats every player equally and we all get the same treatment."

Many people may wonder whether a new system can improve the team or if the players themselves needed the improvement. When asked what the players returning are bringing to the team, senior defensive end, Jerry Winston said,

"Players have worked hard in sports like track to help them prepare for the season. Weight lifting also helped some athletes balance strength and speed." He

also said,

"Two key players will be missing at the beginning of the season, and we also just lost a key two-way player."

There are also plenty of new coaches on Olden's staff along with some old faces. First year running back coach, Dan Joley, said,

"It's great to be here; we have a great team. We are looking forward to seeing where we match up against the city's best teams."

No matter who the staff may be it is obvious that a new era has been stated. Senior and all world defender Brandon Duttaroy said,

"The team is ecstatic about him; he brings a whole new swagger to the team and a new batter to the plate."

Preparation is also a key aspect to what Olden brings to the squad. "Whatever it takes." That is the motto that the team lives by. It means to go to war for a brother in time of war, yes your brother. They are more like a family, bred and raised together. In this newly formed family, there is no need to ask who the daddy is.

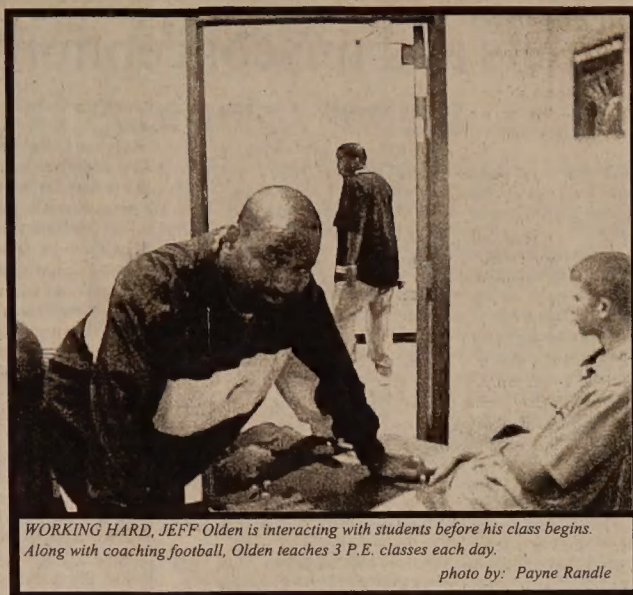
Ordinarily during the summer, the program would have had

so-so weight lifting sessions and a melancholy team camp.

This past summer the team had superb turnouts for morning lifting sessions and an enthusiastic team camp. The 'skins also participated in a weekly 7-on-7 exhibition in Dekalb. With all the things that have changed in the system this year, there is one thing that can be agreed upon, the team is the most disciplined it has been in years. The desire to win is something all players must admit Olden brings to the team.

A new system has been put in on the offensive side while the team remains strong in all defensive areas. When asked to what NFL team he would compare this year's team to senior, running back/linebacker, Wade Raines said,

"The Baltimore Ravens — be-



WORKING HARD, JEFF Olden is interacting with students before his class begins. Along with coaching football, Olden teaches 3 P.E. classes each day.

photo by: Payne Randle

cause we have a stellar defense and we have talent all across the board."

Talent will be taken in any way Olden can get it. Few freshmen ever see playing time, but this may not prove true this year. Freshman wideout/quarterback, Selwyn Lymon, may see significant playing time due to his Randy Moss like talent. When asked what is the big change in the transition from middle school to high school, Lymon said,

"Practices are tougher, but I know it is for the good of the team."

With the hands dealt and the season started, the 'skins are playing with their poker faces. With depth at nearly every position and exciting athletes ready to prove that this indeed is North Side's year, at times it seems like they are the only ones who believe it.

## Gridiron virtues displayed by seniors

Andrea Brown  
Reporter

Monday through Thursday the football players run out of the perspiration stented locker room passing legendary quotes, statistics, and the printed words above the door: CONCENTRATION, DEDICATION, DETERMINATION. Each player hopes for a successful practice with well-run plays. On Friday night, the burning desire deepens as the band sounds and the 'boys of fall' run chanting out of the infamous tunnel searching for a victory. Many see it as just a game, but to the seniors and the highly dedicated, it is something no phrase of words can describe. With every passing game, it is one less chance. One less opportunity to show whoever is watching just what is inside. Senior, Randy Frederick, expressed that when he said,

"Anything can happen on any given Friday."

The line sampled from a 2000 movie, entitled *Any Given Sunday*, portrayed all of the desire and effort wrapped up in one game on just one night.

Seniors see that dwindling ev-

ery day. At the end of the season, some will move on to college or perhaps the pro's to play while others will say good-bye to that so comforting piece of pigskin they have tossed around since childhood.

"A few colleges have sent me letters (regarding football), but I'm not sure if I'll go. I know if I don't play though, I'll miss it," said senior, Drew Fitzgerald on the subject. In order to end the season with no regrets, the boys will leave it all out on the field. Locker room pep talks, prayers, and before game rituals will assist the players to fulfill that mental as well as physical intensity.

"I hype myself up by visualizing my attack. I see the ball and I see myself reaching my goal. I see the team reaching our goal," said senior, Wade Raines.

Although it is essential, a game cannot be won only with intensity. The team knew that and prepared with new coach, Jeff Olden, over the summer twice a day. Plays were repeated on the practice field, and the field goals and extra points were perfected on the playing field. Weight room sessions were also highly recommended. Hours of sweat and participation in

ninety-degree weather built up inside of the athletes as they yearned to get out on the field.

After suffering two early losses to Concordia and Harding, both at their stadiums, the light at the end of the tunnel shimmered through as the Redskins went on a rampage gripping a 29-7 victory from the Dwenger Saints at their own renowned Chamber's Field. The steak continued as the team brought win number two back home as they shut out Wayne 10-0 at their field on a recent rainy Friday.

All players have a good outlook on the remainder of the season. Bishop Luers, Snider, Northrop, and South Side are among the teams the boys want domination over. Luers, state runner-ups from last fall, are tough competitors as with Snider who have always proven their power against the 'Skins. Northrop and South Side stand as rivals for the celebrated Homecoming and Totem Pole games. Each player wants to have his own minute in the spotlight and bring glory to the school. With one another's aspirations compiled, the squad will not take no for an answer.

As the playing clock ticks, the passion will continue to blaze as the strengthening Redskins continue their season holding nothing back.

participating in track but thinks he will get a late start.

Adam Vergon, senior, was injured in a football game. Another player stepped on his hand; they were wearing a pair of cleats at the time.

Vergon wore a splint for two weeks because of the incident. Along with some swelling, he said that later that day his hand was smashed between two football helmets.

Sometimes injuries are not major. Many athletes have aches and pains. A sore thumb or an aching back. Even if a swimmer were to practice certain strokes too often they may injure a knee.

When athletes blow out a knee or twist an ankle, some may ignore it, and others take care of it properly instead of pushing it. Precautions may cause set backs, but several athletes agree that they should not push themselves.

Kyle Martinez, junior, participates in both soccer and track. She has suffered injuries such as a fractured leg. Unfortunately Martinez said that has happened three times. Martinez even played through a whole season of soccer

with an injury. She did not know at the time but found out later after the season was over.

She has also broke her toe. She said she is a heavy competitor. Sometimes that may lead to injury.

"Freshmen year I got kicked out of for fighting with a girl!" Martinez said.

Martinez was not injured, but if she were to have physically fought, she could have been injured.

Some of the injuries she has received over the years she feels are her fault - From pushing herself to the limits of injury and lack of eating right.

Athletes need to now their limitations; some push to the point of exhaustion. Athletes have died because of not keeping themselves healthy. Some athletes do not take care of themselves properly, and it often affects them later in life.

Athletes are out there to win. They compete to win, they would not be out there if they did not care. They have a passion, and it shows in their participation and performance.

Some push themselves to win that game. Others are very cautious about every move they make. Either way sometimes they cannot avoid injury.

## HOUSE OF PAYNE

By Payne Randle

Whatever happened to North Side sports? Ever since freshmen year, it seems as if most if not all of the sports have taken a turn for the worst in one way or another. Individually athletes at North may be faster, stronger and more adroit than any other school. Why is it that as a team, performance does not dictate this? Is it ego? Is it a personal vendetta against teammate and or coach? It just seems as if it is hard to function cohesively as a team.

Take for example the comparison of the track team to the volleyball team. Track, which is primarily an individual sport, meaning that the athlete depends on himself for the most part. The track team finished 8-1 with a controversial loss to Snider. The volleyball team, in which each player on the court depends on the other players for survival. The team should have listened to "Destiny's Child," because they were not survivors posting a dismal 7-25 record last season. The volleyball team is full of not just good female athletes but good athletes. Most work diligently during the summer to prepare for the upcoming season. Hopefully this season will prove positive for the team.

Two sports in which North once dominated are football and basketball. Both sports have relatively new coaches but also have good talent. After playing as a team for three years and having a record that does not show their abilities, perhaps the fourth is the "charm." Last year, the basketball team had a record of 2-18. Two years prior to that the team only lost three games. Although size has been lost throughout the years, heart and determination still remain.

With a new attitude, the football team may not be looking to start a new era as much as they are looking to end one. With the Quick era and the infamous 1-9 season of 1999 over the team looks to start a new. The players worked harder than ever before, but they seem to be destined to maintain a .500 record. The team has as much talent and heart as any other team in the SAC. Unfortunately their performance does not always reflect this.

Hopefully with big senior play, the team may regain their football prominence.

Teams that play on the diamonds, be it male or female, have maintained a steady level of play. The baseball team has improved since freshman year, while the softball team has remained consistent for seasons.

Problems that plague sports at North are the turnovers. Sports like soccer, tennis, golf, and gymnastics do not even have to have tryouts. There are players walking the halls who would make great athletes for any given sport but do not come out for one reason or another. Bad turnouts for a sport could contribute to the lackluster performance of certain sports.

Past performance plays a key part in not only school registration but also in the turnout of incoming athletes. Students coming out of middle school would rather go to schools like Snider because of their past achievements. Instead of being trailblazers, students would often rather follow a path already traveled.

Athletes where at North Side are not only responsible for the present but also responsible for the future of sports at the beloved North. Athletes must forget about the past, live in the present, and work harder for the future.

-No facts or statements in this column are meant to be taken to the heart.

I am just callin' "spades spades."

## Upcoming Sports

Friday, September 14

Var Football vs. Elmhurst @ Chambers 7:00 P.M.

Saturday, September 15

Var/Res B/G Cross Country West Noble Inv. 9:00 A.M.

Res B Soccer vs. Blackhawk @ Blackhawk 10:00 A.M.

V B Soccer vs. Blackhawk @ Blackhawk 11:30 A.M.

V G Soccer vs. Dekalb @ Dekalb 2:00 P.M.

Monday, September 17

Var/Res B Tennis vs. Churubusco @ North Side Park 4:30 P.M.

Res Football vs. South Side @ South Side 6:30 P.M.

Tuesday, September 18

Var/Res B Tennis vs. Snider @ North Side Park 4:00 P.M.

Var B Soccer vs. Elmhurst @ Elmhurst 4:15 P.M.

Var G Soccer vs. Elmhurst @ Chambers 6:30 P.M.

Var/Res/Fr. G Volleyball vs. Elmhurst @ Elmhurst 6:00 P.M.

Thursday, September 20

Var/Res B Tennis vs. Wayne @ Wayne

Fr. G Volleyball vs. Harding In Stadium Gym/NS 6:30 P.M.

Var/Res G Volleyball vs. Harding in Main Gym 6:30 P.M.

Fr. Football vs. Concordia @ Zollner Stadium 6:30 P.M.

Var B Soccer vs. Dekalb @ Dekalb 6:30 P.M.

Var G Soccer vs. Northrop @ Chambers 6:30 P.M.

Friday, September 21

Var Football vs. Northrop @ Chambers 7:00 P.M.

Saturday, September 22

Var B Cross Country Snider Classic @ Shoaff Park 9:00 A.M.

Var G Cross Country @ Wabash 9:00 A.M.

Var Volleyball Tourney @ Warsaw 10:00 A.M.

Monday, September 24

Res Football vs. Wayne @ Chambers 6:30 P.M.

Tuesday, September 25

Res/Var B Soccer vs. Dwenger

@ Chambers 4:30/6:30

Var G Soccer vs. Dwenger @ Concordia Seminary 4:30 P.M.

Var/Res/Fr. Volleyball vs. Luers @ Luers 6:00 P.M.

Thursday, September 27

Var B/G Cross Country vs. Elmhurst/ FW Christian @ IPFW 4:15 P.M.

Var B Soccer vs. FW Christian @ Chambers 4:30 P.M.

Var/Res/ Volleyball vs. Concordia in Main Gym/NS

Fr. G Volleyball vs. Concordia in Stadium Gym 6:00 P.M.

Fr. Football vs. Wayne @ Wayne 6:30 P.M.



**Opinion-** Who makes your lunch? Do you know?



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## "Garfield" gains money for FWCS schools

Blane Pressler  
Reporter

License plates are something that every driver needs, and they can benefit the school at the same time. Every driver has to purchase a license plate to drive so they can spend an extra thirty-seven dollars per year for an education plate.

The Bureau of Motor Vehicles is the ones who collect fees for the license plates. In the fee that people pay, there is a portion. There are two types of plates: one features Garfield and a schoolhouse, and the other is handprints of young children.

All automobile owners have the option of getting an education plate. First twenty-five percent is taken and given to the State Su-

perintendent of Public Instruction. Then the other seventy-five percent goes to the designated School Corporation.

The money that is distributed to the schools can be spent in basically any way they see fit. As long as it does not go to pay for employee salary or for fringe benefits. Fringe benefits are extra things teachers get like discounts on rental cars or paid vacations.

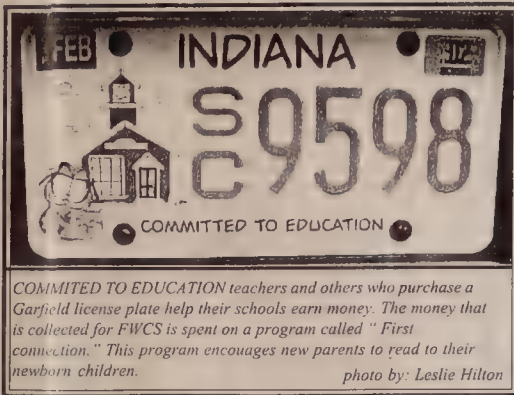
Fort Wayne Community Schools took in about \$37,575 during the first four years of the education plate program years 1997-2000.

The money that is given to Fort Wayne Community Schools is spent on a program called "First Connection". It is a program at Parkview Hospital that

encourages new parents to read to their newborn babies.

When the parent is at the hospital, they receive a bag with a book and a post card. They register, and are contacted every year by Fort Wayne Community Schools until their child starts to attend school. FWCS sends the children a two-dollar coupon to purchase a book at Meijer. Along with that they are sent information on schools on how their child should be processing.

The money that is donated for the educational plates is out to good use for future students in the Fort Wayne Community Schools areas.



COMMITTED TO EDUCATION teachers and others who purchase a Garfield license plate help their schools earn money. The money that is collected for FWCS is spent on a program called "First Connection." This program encourages new parents to read to their newborn children.

photo by: Leslie Hilton

## Upcoming attractions

**October 13th & 14th**  
Season premiere concert @ First Wayne Street United Methodist Church.

**October 16th**  
PSAT Test

**October 20th**  
Fall festival @ the Village at Winona 10a.m. - 6p.m. Free cider samples from Doud's Apple Orchard's antique cider press. Free Entertainment!!

**October 23rd**  
Friendship Pictures

**October 23rd & 24th**  
Cabaret @ The Embassy 8p.m. Tickets are available at the Embassy box office, all Ticketmaster locations, or call (219) 424-1811.

**October 24th**  
Last day of Term I

**October 27th**  
ACT Test

**October 28th**  
Standard time returns

**October 31st**  
Halloween

**October 31st**  
Neighborhood Halloween party @ 5p.m.

**October 31st**  
Philharmonic Howliday @ 7:30 p.m. It is complete with costumes and great music.

## Renovations make more space

Katie Klein  
Reporter

"Everybody knows when the alarm goes off, they know where to find the nearest exit."

Hallways could be blocked, because the halls are narrow and small.

There are no sprinkler systems here at North Side. The renovation would allow the school to purchase and install sprinkler systems. Due to the age, the school can be flammable.

At school, faculty work to get renovations approved for the school in order to keep students safe throughout the day. The staff feels the wanted renovations would increase the safety.

The renovations would allow students to flow all sorts of directions. Jerry Anderson, the assistant principal, said,

"I have concerns, because the halls are very narrow and small."

There would be fewer bodies in the hall, because after the renovation, two classrooms will be made into one. After renovations the cafeteria will not be as crowded. Anderson said

"... the cafeteria is safe."

Following the renovation, there will not be any pillars; therefore, the tables will not be so close together. With the renovation of the building, there will be fewer hazards.

In case of a fire, there are plenty of ways to exit the building. Anderson said,

The school plans on having more ways to get disabled students out of the school safely. There are evacuation chairs. If a student is in a wheelchair, somebody can take the student out of the wheelchair and put them in a evacuation chair. An evacuation chair is a lightweight chair that can transport the



If there is a substitute teacher, he or she may not know where to inform the students to go if there is an emergency. Students need to be quiet, so they can hear directions. If students do not listen, then they will not know where they are supposed to go. Renovations will help to make more room for the students. That may help to make everyone's day flow more smoothly. The renovation will help improve the building and all its resources.

## America clashes against terrorists

Rita Whitman  
Adviser

Few citizens of the United States will forget the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001. As people watched televised shots of the World Trade Center falling, they were horror stricken and filled with grief. As news became available, planes were hijacked, one had crashed in Pennsylvania, and the Pentagon building was hit as well.

Afterwards, lives were disrupted across the country as the economy floundered, a minor panic over possible rising gas prices ensued, and shocked Americans realized that terrorism had arrived with a vengeance in the United States.

There were those of the North Side family who were affected as well. One, Erin Patton, Media Teacher, attended a memorial service in New Jersey over the past week-end, for the missing fiancé of her cousin. She said,

"Although it was difficult to attend the memorial service, it was important to celebrate the mass with family. It was a beautiful service."

Patton and her family are talented musicians. They were asked to play at the service.

"It was good to be in New Jersey. I have felt somewhat isolated here; more people are personally affected [by the terrorist attacks] back East," said Patton.

On October 7, 2001, the United

States government along with the British began a retaliatory attack against the al-Qaida terrorist network skulking in Afghanistan. President George Bush said the campaign is aimed at, "the barbaric criminals who profane a great religion by committing murder," not against the Muslim world.

Patton and her family were traveling back from New Jersey on Sunday and were unaware of the retaliatory strikes on the part of the U.S. and Britain. She said, "That is just not why we went to New Jersey. It does not seem as important."

The United States and its allies in this conflict continuously emphasized this point; it is not a war against the Islamic religion. It is an attack against a country that refused to give up Osama bin Laden, the infamous leader of the al-Qaida terrorist sect, when they were asked to do so. It appeared from televised news clips on October 7, 2001, that bin Laden advocated further terrorist attacks against the U.S. As the world watches, the retaliatory attacks on the part of the U.S. and other allies are planned to continue relentlessly until bin Laden, as well as his extensive underground terrorism organization, is brought to justice.

As members of the media continued to report on the "new war," the National Guard planned to make the rounds of Baerfield airport to ensure safety for Fort Wayne passengers who planned on traveling in the near future.

Aid (food and medicines) and fliers explaining the United States' actions, were also dropped upon the Afghans. This aid is intended to assure the citizens of Afghanistan that the U.S. attacked the terrorists—not them.

The President stated that the attacks against terrorism will continue as long as necessary to eradicate the threat.

### North Side Mission Statement

The mission of the North Side High School community is to provide each student with the opportunity to develop the academic, personal, and social skills necessary for graduation and lifelong learning and success.

## PTSA sponsorships free of charge

Katie Klein  
Reporter

Planning the scene's activities, the PTSA plays an important role at North Side. PTSA is a group of parents, teachers, administrators, and students. They meet one time a month to discuss issues in and around school. They also sponsor many programs such as the student planner, homecoming dinner, reflections, honors breakfast, scholarships, refreshments at the after prom, and many others. Robyn Pequinot, President of PTSA, said,

"The PTSA's role is to help facilitate a partnership between parents, staff, and students in the school and to assist the school in offering programs to the students and their families."

The students involved give input in the planning stages of activities and share experiences with the members so that students may be accommodated in PTSA activities. Pequinot said,

"Last year we were happy to give the Senior Pride Tree to the school."

The PTSA's main fundraiser is the memberships. For every \$5.00 membership sold, the PTSA keeps \$2.25. The smaller fundraisers consist of Schwan's orders, the homecoming dinner, mouse

pads, and also a new item fleece blankets. The Schwan's fundraiser is unique; if people currently order from Schwan's, this can put names on the Master List and a percentage of any orders placed by those of that list in the future will benefit the PTSA as well as the programs they support and sponsor. Anyone wanting to order from Schwan's can do so by signing up on the Master List. Contact Betsy Roth at (219) 424-1746 or talk to her in Room 313.

Currently this year, the PTSA has approximately 235 members. This includes parents, staff, and students. Any

money raised through fundraisers directly benefits the staff and students at North Side through the many programs that they sponsor. Pequinot said,

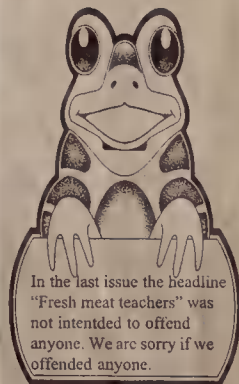
"The fundraisers are a critical part of the PTSA's existence."

They do not receive funding from any other source. This means that if they did not have the fundraisers, they would not be able to provide or support any of these important programs.



ENTERTAINING THE AUDIENCE, Randon Murdok and Cameron Cobbins, seniors, show off their skills in their dance performance in the main gym during the Homecoming pep session.

photo by: Mel Lauer



In the last issue the headline "Fresh meat teachers" was not intended to offend anyone. We are sorry if we offended anyone.

## Quote of the Day

Peace is not an absence of war, it is a virtue, a state of mind, a disposition for benevolence, confidence, justice.

-Benedict Spinoza

## Badly bruised by reality



Melinda Lauer  
Editor-in-Chief

Finally! A moment where I get to just sit in my room and stare at the blank wall for an unnoticeable amount of time. As I rub my tired eyes, I go over my mental to-do list realizing my head is congested with worries of school, work, relationships, and family.

Bam! Reality slapped me in the face, leaving me badly bruised and (I have to admit) a little heart-broken. It awakened me from my day-dream world. My once worry-free life has been flipped upside down and tossed to the bloodthirsty dogs that were my once playful, childhood puppies. So this is what it is like to be a grown-up.

It seems as though I'm playing a game called "teen to the extreme." I jerk back and forth between a grumpy, over worked adult and the Toys "R" Us kid who will never grow up. The weekdays hold two to three hours of homework a day and at least 15 hours of work a week. By the time the weekend comes, all I want to do is have fun and act as if I am seven. The internal brewing stew of conflicting extremes that one person possesses is a difficult task to endure.

Puberty passed with semi difficulty, the privileges caught up too rapidly, and the responsibilities crowded around me. I am a full-fledged adult now, and I have accepted my new role in the adult world. Who is to say that kid suppressed deep inside cannot escape the dungeons of adulthood every once and a while? My warped and twisted child loves to revolt against that grumpy adult and take over. That kid lets me laugh and giggle at every tiny piece of humor that exerts itself into this monstrously huge world. I leave you with thoughts accompanied with your thoughts now and a little bit of humor to suffice your own hyper, runny-nosed beast of a kid.

A man asked his wife what she would like for her birthday. "I would love to be seven again," she replied. On the morning of her birthday, he got up bright and early and off they went to a local theme park. What a day! He put her on every ride in the park: the Death Slide, the Screaming Loop, and the Wall of Fear...everything there was! Wow! Five hours later, she staggered out of the theme park, her head reeling and her stomach upside down. Right to a McDonalds they went where her husband ordered a Big Mac for her along with extra fries and a refreshing chocolate shake. Then it was off to a movie- the latest Star Wars epic, hot dogs, popcorn, Pepsi cola, and M&Ms. What a fabulous adventure! Finally she wobbled home with her husband and collapsed onto the bed. He leaned over and lovingly asked, "Well, dear, what was it like being seven again," she said, with one eye opened. "You idiot, I meant my dress size."

Until next time...this is Cap'n Mel signing off. Over and out.

## From the Desk of . . . Explore options to find success



Sandy Shumaker  
Area Administrator

As the area administrator for the Elmhurst and North Side areas, I am sometimes asked why I chose education for my career. I reply that for as far back as I can remember, I have wanted to be a teacher. But it was not a choice that I was able to achieve without lots of hard work and encouragement from others.

I remember that during my high school years, I believed that the most important decision I would be making in my entire life would be to decide what I wanted to do after high school. I thought once that decision was made, things would just roll along and life would be simple. Looking back, I realize that it was one of the easiest decisions for me.

While I intended to go to college, my parents were very clear that

they could not afford to help me financially. They had not graduated from high school and were proud that by graduating, I was at least one step ahead of them. They talked about choices I could make that would not require college or would only require one or two years of college.

In my junior year of high school, I participated in a Career Day. Being somewhat realistic about my financial circumstances, I signed up for a couple of career choices that required no college degree or only one or two years of training. Upon arriving at the Career Day location, I was informed that both of the sessions I had signed up for had been cancelled. No one was there to talk about the jobs. I was told to just go into sessions that had seats available. Somewhat discouraged, I looked over the selection sheet and chose one about elementary teaching. I do not know who the presenting teacher was that day, but she changed my life. She was so enthusiastic, and she touched something in me that made me announce to my parents the minute I got home "I'm going to be a teacher." I did not know how I could pay for college, but I knew I would find a way. My mind was made up, and I have never thought about doing anything else.

I had to work hard for my average to above-average grades in high school. While friends were partying and having

good times, I was working so I could save for college. During other times I was studying. Then I found out that I was not eligible for scholarships. I was able to get some work-study help and some loans, so I could start college. I began my freshman year at IPFW. This was at a time when the entire IPFW campus was in one small building on Barr Street. I worked in the Dean's office to help pay for my classes.

Another decision, which seemed impossible to my friends and family, was made following that freshman year. I just knew I needed to live away from home and be on a college campus. I moved to Indiana University at Bloomington, with my parents wondering what they had done wrong to make me want to move so far away. I could not wait to get to Bloomington! But the waiting was not for the partying and the freedom. I had to work long hours, study hard and try to absorb a little of the college life in my extra time.

Many of my friends who received better grades in high school and whose parents paid for their college dropped out at the end of their freshman or sophomore year. I was focused on getting a college degree and being able to complete my dream

of being a teacher. I achieved that dream with loans to pay off after I graduated. But I made it!

After teaching in Littleton, Colorado, for one year, I returned to begin working for Fort Wayne Community Schools. I have stayed with FWCS for 36 wonderful years. I have worked in eleven school buildings over the course of eighteen years as a teacher and sixteen years as a principal. I love change and new challenges, so I often applied for schools that were beginning new programs.

It had never been my intention to become a principal or a central office administrator. But, just like the teacher who happened to change the direction of my life one day, others have been there to suggest, encourage, and offer opportunities. If I were to give advice about how to choose what you want to be or do in your future, first, be open to all possibilities, then be flexible, and finally, go with your heart. However, once you make a decision, put all that you have into it, be the very best you can be, then seek out the challenges, and be receptive to taking off in new directions.

## Cafe staff deals with meals and more

Diana Flores  
Reporter

Almost everyone is familiar with the principal, assistant principals and teachers in the building. Students should all be familiar with who they are and what their jobs are. But what about the Cafeteria Staff? No one notices all the hard work that they do. Not only does the principal, assistant principals and the teachers do a lot of hard work, but so do the Lunch Ladies. No one seems to notice all the hard work they do in their daily jobs in the kitchen just to make sure that the students eat well at breakfast and lunch.

They usually start their day around 6:00 a.m. Most of the time their day goes by just like any other day unless they have deliveries, which makes their day even busier. There are 13 staff members plus the Head Lunch Lady, Pat Hardiek.

Students are always looking forward to lunch. They cannot wait to see if their favorite dish is being served in the main line or if they have to go to the a la carte line. During lunch there are several choices to choose from. In the a la carte line the Lunch Ladies decide what the students get to choose from.

"No one appreciates school lunch until they're out of school," said Hardiek.

Hardiek says this year it is much more difficult to choose what to put out in the a la carte line, because it is hard to know what the students want to eat. They choose what to put out on the a la carte line by what and how much the students buy. The Lunch Ladies get to put

their own input in to what to put out in the a la carte line. Most people think that they have total control over what is served, but that is not true.

A downtown dietitian chooses the food that students eat. The Lunch Ladies are given a six-week cycle menu to go by. There are a couple of popular foods that are served in the main lunch line that students just cannot get enough of.

"The nachos are slammin,'" said, sophomore, Nakia Moore.

Not only are the nachos very popular, but the students also love the pizza. But only if eaten whole it is still hot and fresh. From the a la carte line, the most popular foods are the garlic cheese bread and the little packaged pizza.

Some of the least-popular foods are the turkey tetrazzini, beefaroni and the mashed potatoes. One food that students are getting tired of are the hamburgers. That is one good thing about having more than one choice for lunch. If not satisfied with what is being served in the main line there is always the a la carte line to go to.

Those who do not wish to pay for their lunch sometimes try to steal. Those who are caught in the action of stealing could be suspended. Hardiek says that she has not had any problems with any students stealing so far but can only speak for herself.

Lunch Ladies should be appreciated for all the hard work they do everyday. No one seems to give them credit for the several things they do. If it were not for them students would be hungry. It is not just about the food, but it is all the work they do just for the students. The next time students go through the lunch line, thank them for everything they do. To all Cafeteria staff, the students appreciate the work that is done.

Out of the Blue  
Pearls melt  
in vinegar.



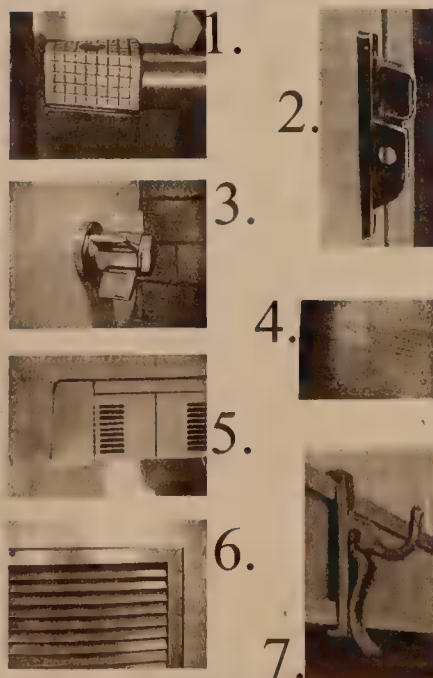
## Contest Entry Form

To enter, fill out this form and turn it in to Room 310 by October 26, 2001.  
Please print neatly.

Name: _____	Grade: _____
1. _____	4. _____
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## Win free candy

Here are seven pictures of common objects found in classrooms and hallways. Identify what the object in each picture is, or what it is found on, and fill out the entry form. Three winners will be drawn from the most correct entries. Winners will be notified by November 2, and they will receive a Snickers candy bar.



## Off the record....

Should it be illegal to burn the American flag?



Debbie Kennell-Gonzales  
Staff

"No, because that is part of what we believe in. We may not agree but everybody has the right to express themselves."



Tiffany Shelby  
Senior

"Yes, because that's our symbol."



Lewis Allen  
Junior

"No because I can't think of a thought right now."



Arielle Johnson  
Sophomore

"Yes, it's wrong."



Charles Booth  
Freshman

"Yes, because that's what we stand for. That's what Americans are."

Photos by: Leslie Hilton



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## FUNNY HOROSCOPES

### AQUARIUS

Today you will lose all self-control. You'll find it again tomorrow, though - it just rolled under the couch.

### PISCES

Soon you will be attacked and beaten by a group of Nuns.

### ARIES

Beware of midget bookies, today.

### TAURUS

You will win 12,000 cases of peanut brittle today, on a call-in game show. That's a LOT of peanut brittle, as it turns out.

### GEMINI

Today you'll be plagued with a horrible undying guilt for the rest of your life. Plus, you will run out of toothpaste.

### CANCER

Good day to have some fun with fake fur and spirit gum. Now you can see what chest hair would really be like.

### LEO

Everyone around you will act silly, today - whipping each other and doing Bantu war dances in the hallway.

### VIRGO

Today your plans to take over the world move forward to the next stage.

### LIBRA

A strange package will appear on your doorstep - a basket of fresh fruit, lined with a page from yesterday's Beijing newspaper.

### SCORPIO

You will decide to go into the swimwear market, and will become famous by making things out of stainless steel.

### SAGITTARIUS

A haunting melody will float through the air this evening, with no apparent source. It will turn out that a renegade oboe player is hiding in the shrubbery.

### CAPRICORN

You will begin seeing strange symbols in your fingerprints. Don't worry though - it's just a vitamin deficiency.

## Fables cause hearts to race

Andrea D. Brown  
Reporter

Filled with anticipation, a carload of teens drive into the darkness on their way to Tango with terror. As the car makes unfamiliar turns on dark, winding roads, one veteran tells the legend. The story begins with a weary truck driver who turns onto the home stretch to his house after a long journey. Before his house are three bridges. Right after the third, his house sits on a hill to the left. While crossing the first bridge, the man jerks himself awake as he realizes how exhausted he is. Just before the second bridge something runs in front of his truck. He swerves to miss it; he then runs into the bridge's rails. He tries regaining control and does so until he makes it across the bridge. There, between the second and the third bridge, he loses power, and the rig flips. With just ounces of strength, the man crawls to the third bridge. He pulls himself up the guardrails and before he can call for help, his grip weakens, and he plunges into the creek. The storyteller continues, voice shaky and more unusual than ever.

"Legend says that the body was found by rescue workers - all but his eyes which stare up at those daring enough to cross

the two bridges and stop on the third to shine their flashlights down into the brook - watching the water in search of what will be gazing back at them," the storyteller said.

The once silent car inhabitants now erupt with opinion as the teens lose their bravado when they see the "HAND ROAD" sign appear, and the driver turns onto the lonely dirt path to relieve, first-hand, the timely tale. The ending of the story was left up to the imagination when it was passed down the family tree to junior, Brenda Henry, by her father North Side alumnus, Kurt Henry, who refused to tell the outcome of the tale.

This story among others are an everlasting method of excitement to the teenage population which, while trends of music and clothing fade in and out, this will never die away. To those who find no fun in fear, the question "why?" wonders through their minds.

All throughout the 'home sweet home' city of Fort Wayne, ghost, spirits, and legends lurk and serve those believing souls as a source of fright and fun. No matter what area of the globe there is a hidden tale.

"I believe there can be an energy in a place, but it doesn't interest me to go out looking for

it," said Media Teacher, Erin Patton.

With that thought in mind, Patton takes it upon herself to ensure no spirits will be interrupting her quarters. Before moving into a new residence, she blesses her home by saying a prayer while burning special incense, given to her by her aunt, all to 'cleanse' her new dwelling.

On the other hand, different people believe in it, seek it out, and love every minute of it.

After growing up in what was thought to be haunted house, alumnus and Saint Francis freshman, Adam Whitman, likes it.

"When I am in a position where I feel like something is around me, I get this huge adrenaline rush; I feel like I could run a world record sprint," Whitman said.

Perhaps that is "why." By the body's tingling sensation and racing heart, haunted places frequently get compared to a roller coaster or a horror movie. For those with weak stomachs, they prefer sticking to a movie where their health will not differ from the outcome.

## Scientific healing faces competition

Leslie Hilton  
Reporter

Alternative healing methods also called unconventional healing methods are believed to improve quality of life, prevent disease, and address the possibility that conventional medicine has limited success in curing. Believers in alternative medicine claim it is safer and more natural. Many believe unconventional medicines are unorthodox. However, its practices are the most popular choice when recuperating is needed.

Estimates show that eighty-three million residents of America use alternative forms of medicine. At that rate, twenty-seven million dollars is yearly spent on alternative medicine.

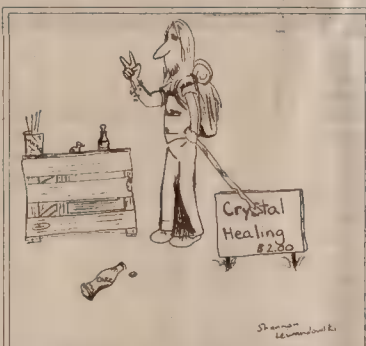
Other countries such as Canada, the United Kingdom, and Australia have reported that their countries have also showing a large interest in unconventional medicine therapies.

Aromatherapy is a form of alternative medicine that uses selected fragrances in lotions and inhalants to stimulate 'happy' thoughts. Aromatherapy is often encouraged for everyday delight and well being. It can be used to soothe dry, irritated skin and to relieve feelings of sadness. Essential oils, which provide the scent in aromatherapy, are known to strengthen the immune system.

Essential oils are often used in many products found around the house. These products include shampoos,

body lotions, bath blends, soaps, etc. Essential oils can affect many things including skin, moods, emotions, mind, body, and soul.

Sensory and intellectual stimulation of music can help maintain quality of life. Music therapy, a type of alternative medicine,



cine, is used as a general form of stress reduction. It is often used in hospitals to relieve pain when used with painkillers such as morphine. Music therapy also helps to brighten a patient's mood. Some believe fear will decrease and allow relaxation to take place while undergoing music therapy. Even though Mathew Botteron, junior, has never used an alternative healing method, he said,

"They help to relax the body." The Mozart effect, which is similar to music therapy, allows the body to relax. Studies show that if one listens to Mozart music while studying, it will increase capability on tests and other work. Melissa Burgess, Freshman English teacher, plays

Mozart music to her students while they study and take tests in her classroom. Burgess said,

"I play no music with words. I feel words may distract a student."

Another form of alternative medicine is homeopathy. Homeopathy is a two hundred-year-old system using pills and drops that are diluted from herbs. The numbers of homeopathy believers have dramatically increased over the last thirty years. Over 2.5 million people in America are currently practicing this form of alternative medicine.

Homeopathy is based on two principles. The first principle says that the more a substance is diluted the more potent it will become. However, that defies the laws of physics. The second principle states if a healthy person consumes the substance it will cause the same symptoms that it normally cures.

Even though eighty-three million residents of America use alternative healing methods, it does not mean everyone agrees with the thought of using alternative healing methods. Some still prefer a more scientific method - preferably using pills. For example, Patricia Howard, junior, said,

"I prefer the scientific method."

Howard believes medicines can be used instead of alternative healing methods. Medicines and healing methods are both choices when pursuing a healthy lifestyle.

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## Coffee beans cause a craving

Blane Pressler  
Reporter

Coffeehouses and cafes are becoming popular with high school students. The aroma of coffee flows out when walking through the doors of a coffeehouse. The smell is strong, and there is an accent of sugar or cinnamon mixed in with the fragrant coffee.

Some cafes have comfy couches, and others have tables and chairs. Customers sit around and drink steamy cups of Java as soft music plays in the background. Sometimes instead of recorded music, a band may be playing while listeners consume their coffee.

The "Firefly" is a popular place for students. Many young people gather there after school for a little relaxation. Cam Green, Junior, said,

"It's a good place to hang out with your friends."

He enjoys the quiet atmosphere and thinks the coffee there is good. Local bands play at places like the Firefly coffeehouse located on North Anthony. Bands also play other cafes around the city.

There are cafes and coffeehouses located all over the city. Bosnia is located on West Jefferson. Java Central Coffeehouse located on West Dupont Road. Higher Grounds Coffeehouse with two locations on West Dupont and Saint Joe Roads. The Java Bean Cafe is also on Saint Joe Road.

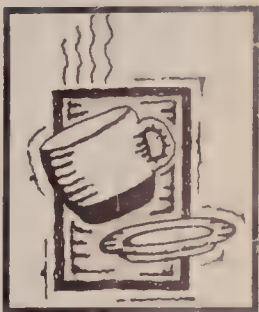
"Borders" is a very popular place among Fort Wayne residents. It is one of few cafes anywhere to be a bookstore as well as a cafe. Customers can go in to enjoy a cup of coffee and pick out a book. They could even purchase a book and get coffee to go if they wanted.



Another reason someone might go to a cafe or coffeehouse is to express themselves vocally, for open mic night that is.

Most cafes have an open mic night at least once a week, sometimes more.

Other cafes and coffeehouses do not have open mic nights at all. Some of those cafes have local bands or possible



live music at all.

Firefly Coffeehouse and others have open mic nights for those who want to show off their creative abilities.

Open mic is held usually once a week on Wednesdays at most cafes. The purpose for open mic night is to dedicate a night for people who want their material to be heard, for those who do not sing for a profession.

Even if a person did earn a living by performing open mic nights, they would not be able to make a living out of it.

People are in bands or play an instrument along with their vocal abilities can try to get auditions to perform. Some people want the experience to further their abilities to perform or to get a little exposure.

Some people do not belong to a band or feel they are not good enough to audition for a spot. Open mic night is an opportunity for people to express themselves even if they are not experienced in vocal performance.

The Java Bean Cafe and Higher Grounds Coffeehouse on Saint Joe road have open mic nights on Wednesdays. Higher Grounds West Dupont Road has open mic nights but sometimes not on a regular basis.

Overall people think that cafes and coffeehouses are a relaxing place to enjoy your friends, the quiet and a good cup of coffee. A peaceful atmosphere and calming music are pleasing to a worried mind.

You've just entered...

## Skewed Views





By Payne Randle  
Reporter

Growing up I saw athletes as heroes like most boys did. Not parents or any other adults that played an important part in my everyday existence. Now that they are gone and I am older I appreciate what they did for our family and how they tried to sculpt me into a respectable young man.

The events on September 11, 2001 changed the "perfect" world we were so accustomed to living in. Out of respect for those lost the sports world, as did the rest of the world stood at a standstill. As a result the world may have regained a focus that we had lost so long ago. We took for granted what a wonderful life we led and we forgot what a true hero is.

Remember when children used to want to grow up and be firemen and police officers? Now all they want to do is grow up and be athletes. Today's children want big contracts, shoe deals, Gatorade commercials and the whole nine. They do not realize the time and effort that needs to be put in to achieve such high pla-teaus.

What about the feeling of saving a life or knowing a neighborhood is a little safer because of you.

During the aftermath of the destruction caused by the attacks on that dreadful day how many athletes where out helping clean up or how many ran in to try and save a life or two?

Although sports were put to a halt and many teams did things for their community and neighborhoods, this could not compare to the chivalry portrayed by the officers and firefighters of New York City.

Although if the Knicks win the championship or when the Yankees win another pennant all the heroic deeds will be overshadowed.

Did you see Tiger Woods running into a burning building pulling victims out? No you did not. If you had you would tried it the next day, because I do not know how many people picked up playing golf since he has touched the scene.

Officers in New York City may get a bad rap, most of which they have earned, but everyone who dons a badge or shield should be proud. They should not only be proud to be an officer in the United States, but proud to be an American.

Throughout this time of national crisis the nation has come together stronger than I ever remember, the question stands...how long will it last? Once the whole thing is over teachers will you still put American flags on your door? On your car windows? Will this patriotism last?

This article was not meant to bash athletes or belittle them of their accomplishments or shoot down the dreams of an inspiring athlete in these halls. This column entry is meant to give an opinion. An opinion of what a "real life action hero" is.

Those officers and firemen who risked and even lost their lives to save one are real heroes and should be commended. Commended not only for doing their job, but going beyond the line of duty, and showing compassion for their fellow man.

To all those who saved, risked, and lost lives, you are appreciated.

No facts or statements in this column are meant to be taken to the heart.

Andy Milentis  
Sports editor

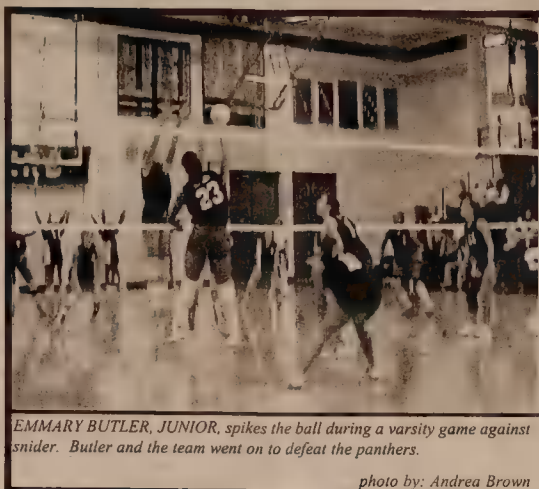
For this year's girls varsity volleyball team, winning has been a luxury. The season is wrapping up, and the girls only have four victories behind them. The young team has just a few games left to improve. Although they hope to make up for lost ground and finish out the season strong, it may be time for the girls, led by Coach Ry Taliaferro, to set their sights on next fall.

Some believe that lack of team play is to blame for the losing record. Playing together is important for any team sport especially volleyball. Players must rely on each other in order to be victorious.

"We need to play as a team," said junior, Jody Van Wagner, "We are still very individually minded."

With volleyball, individual performance is not spotlighted as much as it is in other sports like football and basketball where it is easy for star athletes to stick out above the rest.

The North Side Redskins



EMMARY BUTLER, JUNIOR, spikes the ball during a varsity game against snider. Butler and the team went on to defeat the panthers.

photo by: Andrea Brown

are a member of the Summit Athletic Conference that is host to many well-talented and coordinated volleyball programs. With offensive powerhouses like Northrop and Concordia and other magnificent teams like Leo, Bishop Dwenger, and Bishop Luers, it is a challenge for other teams to maintain a win-

ing record.

"When we play a good team we can usually put up a good fight, but when we face some of the other teams we just can't seem to pull it off," said Jessica Wildey, junior.

This year's team lacks one aspect that most winning teams

## Soccer team remains in hopeful spirit

Payne Randle  
Reporter

Ups and downs have been the status quo for the men's soccer team these past few seasons. What separates the team from most teams is the emphasis on having fun. Although their main focus is to win in the long run, making the game fun is what the team thrives on. When asked about the team's play, Head Coach Brady Koehlinger said,

"The team's play is like a roller coaster, but the guys always play their hearts out."

Being competitive is not a problem for the team. Having only 17 varsity players would seem like a bad thing in most sports, but it is considered a blessing for this team.

When asked how having a

fense may be a bit suspect, no one can take away from their tough defense.

Most of the team's games have come down to the wire and with 13 returning varsity players, there is no need to ask why their defense is so good.

Most of the players have been on the varsity since their freshman year and have bonded and gelled together. Senior and left forward, Paul LaBrosse, said,

"It was an easy transition for me coming out of middle school and going straight onto varsity; I was lucky though."

Soccer does not seem to draw the crowds that other sports will. That is common all over the SAC. Funds for the soccer team are drawn from the school just like any other sport. Some athletes have expressed their thoughts and feel that the team should not get the same amount of funding for less of an attraction. When asked how he felt about the other athletes' comments junior, Ryan Smethers said,

"We work just as hard as any other team, so why shouldn't we get funds?"

It is obvious when they were interviewed that the players are not faking. Not faking to be warriors or family, but they are indeed friends.

When trying to find the athletes during a lunch mod, they are not hard to find, because they are all sitting together.

After all the trouble with the homecoming football game and the volleyball and basketball teams the soccer team members stand isolated in their own world. When asked why he thinks soccer does not get the publicity most sports do, senior, Cody Stract, said,

"People just don't see soccer as an exciting sport, but it can be very entertaining."

It appears as if the only people who show up to soccer games are 'Soccer Moms' who come to watch their boys play.

Although the team's best years are to succeed to the seniors, they wanted to express the fact that they do not regret a minute spent kicking the ball back and forth at home or any emotional loss suffered. The team's future is now, and they look to have not only a successful season this year but also have more fun than they have had in ages.

have-experience. The team is comprised of one freshman, two sophomores, six juniors, and only four seniors. That means the team is still young. The girls have not had as much experience playing together as have other teams in the past.

"We haven't jelled yet as a team. Individually we're pretty good, but it just hasn't seem to come together yet," said Wildey.

The hopes for next year's team are high. The team is only losing four varsity players, and many talented sophomores, now playing on the reserve team, will be moving up to varsity.

"Next year we should do better. We'll have more experience and some good players moving up," said Van Wagner.

The unification of the team could be just what the girls need to have a successful season in 2002.

Wildey said, "Our team is young, and we've had this year to work together. We should be pretty good next year."



## Didrick captures first in SAC

Christina Lauer  
Reporter

Since golf is one of the most challenging sports, the players must be completely focused and ready for a challenge. It seems that North Side has obviously captured one of these players.

Nora Didrick is a sophomore. This is her first year on North Sides golf team; however, Didrick has been playing golf since the very young age of three. Didrick was taught to play golf by her father. Didrick said,

"My dad inspired me to play golf; he always wanted me to play."

During this season Didrick has accomplished a lot. Didrick's best score in the whole season for a nine hole round was a forty-one. In the eighteen hole round, her lowest score was an eighty-six. Not only were these terrific scores accomplished, but Didrick also won first place in the sac meet this season. Didrick came in fourth in the individuals.

The girl's golf team and

coach knew that Didrick had the potential and the goal of being competitive to win the sac. Biology teacher and girl's golf coach, Dawn Todor, said,

"I was really proud of Nora when she won the sac. I knew that she had the potential to be a very competitive golfer in the sac. I think that was realized by others when she won the sac tournament."

Junior golf member, Christy Gehrig said,

"I'm proud of Nora; it was awesome to see her win as a team."

Besides Didrick and all of the goals she accomplished, the rest of the team worked just as hard. They had long practices that lasted two and a half to three hours. This is only for a nine-hole round, with the tournaments lasting about three and half to four hours. Some eighteen-hole rounds were played by the starters of the golf team. By having these long practices, it allowed the golf members to improve their performance. Sophomore

## Upcoming Sports Events

Friday, Oct. 12

VAR Football  
Vs. Snider  
@ Chambers Field  
7:00 P.M.

Saturday, Oct. 13

Fr. G volleyball  
SAC Freshman  
tournament  
@ North Side  
8:30 A.M.



Res. G volleyball  
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@ CLHS  
8:30 A.M.  
Res. Football  
@ Woodland  
10:A.M.

Var. B/G Cross Country  
Sectional @ IPFW  
4:00 P.M.

Saturday, Oct. 20

Var. B/G Cross Country  
Regional @ Bellmont  
9:00 A.M.



small team has helped them senior and right mid-fielder Andy Klein said,

"It brings us closer as a unit which is good for younger players coming up on varsity."

With competent freshmen like Anis Softie, Mark Braun, and Tom Garrett, making their presence felt the future is bright for this squad. Although their of-



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**WHO IS THIS?!** Congressman, Mark Souder, holds mini-news conference at North Side's library. During the conference Souder allows students to ask questions on many different topics.  
photo by: Leslie Hilton

## Participation crumbles grades

Christina Lauer  
News Editor

Grades are normally very important to many students; they work hard to achieve good grades. They put time and effort into each class, which could mean in some cases, they have to participate. Should a good portion of a student's grade be based on how well they participate in class?

Every teachers a different way of grading; even their grading scales vary. Some teachers choose to have participation; some believe that it is not necessary. Geography/ History teacher, Casey Kolkman, said,

"I believe that the assessment

of a student's knowledge is based what they have learned not how well they participate in class."

Even though this may be very true, not all teachers believe that this is the best way to grade. Spanish teacher, Julio Garcia, said,

"Twenty-five percent of a student's grade in my class is based on oral participation, which means that they must participate by trying to speak the Spanish language. I choose to have participation points, because I think that it gives each student a chance to make their own grade. They can choose to participate or to not participate; it is up to them. I think that it helps people to

## Restroom smoking breaks laws

Andrea D. Brown  
Reporter

Carcinogenic leaking cylinders, streaming smoke, smell, discoloration, and disease are put to use in restrooms while breaking school and government laws.

What is being described? Yes, the answer is a cigarette. While learning about the dangers of smoking in mandatory Health class, students still decide to chance the life-threatening habit. Some even reach the measures to do so at school.

Restrooms exist to some as an easy way to get a

much needed smoke between classes or during lunch.

Schoolteachers, administrators, and security refuse to let this go on.

"Smoke free is the choice for me, and that's how we're going to keep North Side," said Administrative Assistant, Keith Scott.

To keep smoking to a minimum, staff patrol the halls on their plan periods, keep restrooms locked, and follow through with appropriate penalties for those who choose to break the rules.

Existing penalties stand as police citations, court appearances, Wednesday or

Thursday school, suspension, fines, and enrollment into the Tobacco Education Group.

Most staff members agree with the procedures taken to punish unruly students, but Assistant Principal, Grady Pruitt, has a couple more ideas.

"I think the fines should be higher and maybe make the parents more responsible," said Pruitt.

As consequences tighten, the addictive urge a cigarette causes still remains. While staff and police are on the prowl, students may have no choice but to ignore the feeling.



## Yellow stars identify people

Jacob Plaisance  
Reporter

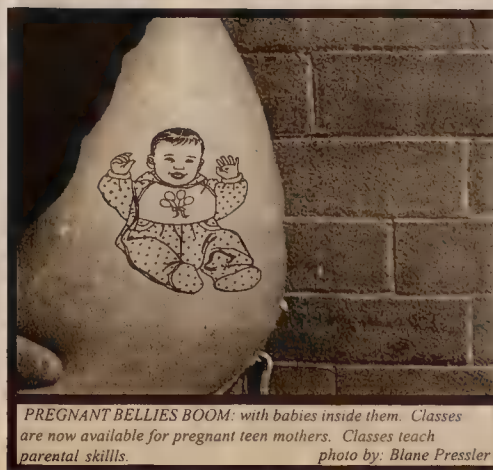
In November, 1938, it all began with the well orchestrated Anti-Jewish acts. As they erupted throughout Germany, Jews were stripped of their rights and of their property. They were forced to wear big, bright, yellow stars in public for identification. Once identified they were beaten and harassed. Over seven thousands businesses were ransacked and their windows broken. More than thirty thousand men between the ages of sixteen and sixty were arrested and sent to concentration camps. The Nazis had no legitimate reason to imprison the Jews. Adolf Hitler (leader of the German Military) believed that Germans who had blonde hair and blue eyes were the highest of race, so the Jews were sent to these camps to be killed since they did not look this way. The Jews had no chance of release. They were there to be killed, and they were killed. Some were used for horrific medical experiments. The Jews were injected with diseases, tortured in "endurance" tests and used as guinea pigs for biological and other weapons. The results of the procedures were "DEATH".

"World War II" 1938 the Nazi SS Security Chief declared that all Jews in Nazi-occupied Poland were to be concentrated in urban ghettos. The American Press closely followed Hitler's invasion of Poland at the beginning of his European conquest which led to his war against the Allies. Even as the war began, the press failed to recognize that Hitler was also waging war against the Jews.

In the summer of 1941,

the Nazi's special actions unit killed over one million as they followed German military through the Soviet Union. With support from the German army and help from anti-Semitic collaborators in the Soviet Union, the Nazi's specialized in the mass murder of Jews. To kill large numbers they would round them up into secluded killing areas. They would force them to give up their valuables and take off their clothing. Jews were murdered one by one or in groups. Many were forced to dig mass graves, then shot while kneeling in the edge of the grave. Some were even buried alive. Some were placed in the graves with many others and explosives thrown down on them. Sometimes even Hitler took part in these events. The American press did not see that Adolf Hitler was waging war against Jews. He was invading their lives like he was invading other countries. All in all there were over six million Jews killed between the year 1938 and 1946. In 1945, the Americans freed over seventy-seven thousand Jews from two different concentration camps. On April 30, 1945, Adolf Hitler committed suicide in his Berlin Bunker. Adolf Eichmann, Hitler's second general, was captured by Israeli Secret Service and was brought to trial and charge with crime against Jewish people.

The charges were inhumanity and war crimes. Eichmann was found guilty and hung at Ramleh on May 31, 1962. A fellow Nazi once said that Eichmann would "leap laughing into the grave, because five million people on his conscience would be for him a source of extraordinary satisfaction. Also brought to justice were 23 former SS doctors and scientists for their horrific experiments and transfers of diseases, sixteen were found guilty, with seven hanged. As for the world, it will never be able to understand why the Jews went through these experiences.



**PREGNANT BELLIES BOOM:** with babies inside them. Classes are now available for pregnant teen mothers. Classes teach parental skills.  
photo by: Blane Pressler

## Upcoming attractions

- November 3<sup>rd</sup>  
SAT Test @ North Side
- November 4<sup>th</sup>  
All City choral concert
- November 6<sup>th</sup>  
Election Day
- November 7<sup>th</sup>  
Hal Holbrook in Mark Twain  
Tonight @ 8p.m.
- November 10<sup>th</sup>  
North Side Show Choir Spectacular
- November 11<sup>th</sup>  
Veterans' Day
- November 15<sup>th</sup>  
Fall Play @ 7p.m.
- November 16<sup>th</sup>  
Fall Play @ 7p.m.
- November 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Thanksgiving
- November 26<sup>th</sup>  
Dance yearbook pictures
- November 27<sup>th</sup>  
Dance yearbook pictures
- November 28<sup>th</sup>  
Music Department yearbook pictures
- November 29<sup>th</sup>  
Music Department yearbook pictures

### North Side Mission Statement

The mission of the North Side High School community is to provide each student with the opportunity to develop the academic, personal, and social skills necessary for graduation and lifelong learning and success.

## Quote of the Day

"We hate some persons because we do not know them; and will not know them because we hate them."

-Charles Caleb Colton

## Homework heartaches vanish

Diana Flores  
Reporter

Homework many students suffer doing their homework by themselves and without help. At the end of the day, many students go home with a lot of homework in many different subjects. Most

students do better work while work that they do not understand.

In the Media Center after school, IIT (Indiana Institute of Technology) students are helping students after school with any homework help they might need. The sessions are available from 2:35 to 4:00. Also this help is available to all students who struggle or do not understand their homework. IIT students will be donating their time to students everyday after school. There is no cost whatsoever.

Not only is the Media Center a great place for students to get homework help, but the ACPL (Allen Public Library) is offering homework help, too. Sessions are from 6:00 to 8:00 on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. These sessions are held in the

Young Adults Services in the main library. There is no registration required and no admission fee. All students are welcome. Also ACPL helps in all subjects. The volunteers who help the students with their homework have high academic backgrounds and have the desire to help students with homework. These homework help programs are one on one study formations for students to comprehend and understand their homework a little better.

Therefore, with these new homework help programs more students should be taking the opportunity and getting help with their homework that they do not understand or may need help with.

## Teen mothers are not alone

Diana Flores  
Reporter

Rate of teen mothers are skyrocketing every year. Now teen mothers can get the help they need with the new Teen Mother Program. The Teen Mother Program helps not only teen mothers but also soon to be teen mothers. This program provides mental help for soon to be teen mothers who need help on deciding what to do in their situation. One thing is the program does not pressure anybody to do something they do not want to do. Also the program helps teen mothers with daycare agencies and with Wic. (Women Infants Children) The program is free. There is no cost what so ever.

The program is either held at school or at the teen's household. This is a very good way of going about helping educate teen mothers about their newborn baby. The program helps educate on how the raise their child and how to be a good and responsible parent.

"I am sure this program will help many teen mothers," said Guidance Counselor Anne Duff.

Duff thinks the new program is a good way of showing teen mothers that there is help out there and to let them know that they are not alone. Also the Teen Mother Program helps keep teen mothers stable with their newborn.

"I wish there was such a pro-

gram when I needed help", said college freshman, Tanisha Braggs.

Braggs was a senior when she had her first child. She thinks that the program is a good idea and wishes that there was a program like that when she was struggling and needed the help as a teen mother.

The program provides financial and mental help for teen mothers. This program is just one of the several ways for teen mothers to learn how to be a good parent. For more information on the Teen Mother Program, contact one of the counselors in the guidance office.

November 1, 2001

## Lies can entangle the complacent



Melinda Lauer  
Editor-in-Chief

Oh, no! The pressure is on. It is building and there is no time. No time I say! The procrastination has left me in a state of Nassau. To save myself I could come up with a lie, an excuse, or twist the truth. What to do? I have no other options.

Sounds familiar does it not? It seems that people have found lying to be an exceptional path to amble down when all other arrows point to dead ends. We weave a tangled web of lies trying to catch that fly that we could not achieve before.

There is the exception of white lies. The ones like your mother saying, "No, there is no onions in the meatloaf, honey," when you could be dangling it right in front of her face.

Lying so as to not hurt another's feelings seems generally tolerable, too. Your boy/girlfriend has a colossal pimple; you say, "No, honey, you're beautiful. You can't even tell." Meanwhile you cannot keep from staring at it.

Being taught lying is wrong. Why is it that lying is something that takes place so often? My personal goal is to make you, the reader, ponder and contemplate new perceptions. I now leave you with a piece of my personality which I hope will make you laugh. Enjoy!

At Duke University, there were four, sophomore friends taking a class called Organic Chemistry. They were doing so well on all the quizzes, labs, and tests that they all had an "A" so far in the semester. These four friends were so confident that the weekend before finals, they decided to go up to the University of Virginia and party with some friends there. They had a great time, but after all the hearty partying, they slept all day Sunday and did not make it back to Duke until early Monday morning. Rather than taking the final then, they decided to find their professor after the final and explain to him why they missed it. They explained that they had gone to UVA for the weekend with the plan to come back in time to study, but unfortunately, they had a flat tire on the way back, and they did not have a spare. Help did not come for some time. As a result, they missed the final. The professor thought it over and then agreed they could make up the final the following day. The students were elated and relieved. They studied that night and went in the next day at the time the professor had told them to be there. He placed them in separate rooms and handed each of them a test booklet and told them to begin. They looked at the first problem, worth five points. It was something simple about free radical formation. "Cool," they thought at the same time, each one in a separate room. "This is going to be easy." Each finished the problem and then turned the page. On the second page was written: (For 95 points) Which tire?

This is Cap'n Mel signing off.

## Getting a degree opens unexpected doors



Kathy Friend  
Guest Reporter

Greetings to readers of *The Northerner*. As a 1979, Northrop graduate, I never really gave much notice to North Side. But recently, North Side has become a big part of my life...and I'm glad!

First, our family hosted an exchange student during the 1999-2000 school year, and she attended North Side. Almut Koy was from Frankfurt, Germany, and she very much enjoyed her time as a North Side student. Next, my husband Greg became interested in the girls basketball program at North Side. He thought he could make a contribution as a coach and is excited to now

be a part of the program this year. My son, Jared Meeks, will attend North Side in three short years. (My thirteen year-old stepdaughter, Laura Friend, probably will not attend North Side, but she will be forced to wear red and to attend her dad's games). And finally, in my role as the Chief Financial Officer for Fort Wayne Community Schools, I have been very involved in the potential North Side renovation project.

I decided to be an accountant when I took a business course at Northrop, and I never looked back. I knew going away to school was not an option financially, so from the start I knew that I would attend IPFW. I did so for three years, including summers. With only one semester to go, I married and moved to Indianapolis, and finished my accounting degree at IUPUI.

My first job was at a small CPA firm in Indianapolis. The work with clients was rewarding, but the hours were grueling — usually fifty to sixty hours per week. In the meantime, I studied for the CPA exam and passed it. After four years I was looking for something different. A friend told me of an analyst position at Paul Harris stores. You are probably familiar with this women's clothing chain. Its headquarters is in Indianapolis. It was an exciting job that involved analyzing sales, inventory, return on investment, and they provided a 40% discount!

After a couple of years it was time to move back to Fort Wayne, to be close to family. Another friend told me of a new Internal Audit position with the City of Fort Wayne. At first I thought working for the government would only be a temporary stint for me until something better came along. But as it turned out, better things were right there. I next became the Director of Internal Audit, then the Deputy Controller, and eventually the Controller under Mayor Paul Helmke. I worked for the City for nearly twelve years. I enjoyed being involved in the public sector. I was responsible for the City budget and often appeared in front of City Council. A long-term career in a high-level government position is difficult due to politics. When Mayor Helmke decided not to run for a fourth term, I

was not sure where I would stand. I had a good working relationship with candidate Linda Buskirk and thought that I might work for her. I was also approached by candidate, Graham Richard, to stay in my position. I felt fortunate that I had the respect of both candidates. But then, the Friday before the election, I was approached by Superintendent Dr. Fowler-Finn and the CFO at the time, Dr. Michael Rice. Rice was moving to Lansing to become an Assistant Superintendent. They asked me to consider interviewing for the FWCS CFO position. I have been here since January 2000, and have enjoyed it very much.

I had no idea that getting an accounting degree would afford all of the opportunities presented to me. It has been personally and financially rewarding. If you like working with and analyzing numbers, want leadership opportunities and enjoy new challenges, check out an accounting career.

## Books expand views

Christina Lauer  
News Editor

Abuse, slavery, rape and vulgar language are a part of everyday life for some whether it is fictional or nonfiction. In some way, shape, or form an author is inspired by these tragic stories. Why are these types of stories banned from certain libraries and schools?

Sometimes the books that challenge the minds of children are the books that some people feel are inappropriate. The American Library Association's Intellectual Freedom Committee (ALAIFC), suggests that banned books have important lessons to teach youth particularly when they are guided by their parents. The ALAIFC says that these books help to: spark an open, honest discussion; understand and debate real-life issues; learn to function in changing society; nurture intellectual growth; encourage creative and critical thinking; recognize and accept cultural differences; and value literature of all genres.

North Side's English Department agrees with the ALAIFC.

Head of the English Department and English teacher Susan Boesch, said,

"We do not choose to read books that are banned. We teach literature for its content and the relationship it has to our lives. We want to read these books with students to try and expand their horizons. Even though these books may be a great key to learning about factual things in life; some are offended and embarrassed by the graphic details that are written in certain books like *Of Mice and Men*, *Grapes of Wrath*, *The Color Purple*, and what seems to be most commonly read by North Side students, *Cold Sassy Tree*. Sophomore, Rachel Homan, said,

"At times I do find these books offensive, because teachers say you have to read these books. You cannot cuss or talk about sex in school without getting in trouble, so why should we read about it if we cannot talk about it?"

Meanwhile North Side's English classes will probably continue to read what are considered banned books. The English Department believes that reading these books is a good way to teach student about life in general.

## Litterbugs trash N.S.

Diana Flores  
Reporter

Why do students litter? Is it that they are just too lazy to walk over to the trashcan and throw their garbage away, or is it that no one taught them how to pick up after themselves? Littering is an issue at school. Not a big one, but there are some litter bugs on the run. The mess that students leave in the classrooms, in the cafeteria, and in the hallways is what janitors have to pick up.

"Janitors are paid to pick up after us," said sophomore, Elizabeth Wiegand. Wiegand does not always litter, but every now and then will throw her gum wrapper on the floor of the classroom or in the hallway. Actually janitors are not paid to pick up after students; they are paid to keep the school's environment clean. Having students who throw their junk on the floor is not going to help the school's environment at all.

Hallways and classrooms are nothing compared to the cafeteria. Students leave their trays on the table without picking them

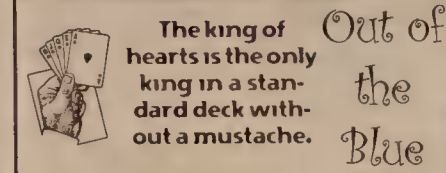
up. And also left on the tables are food wrappers and pop cans. Most of the staff members and deans go around asking kindly for students to pick up the mess at the table even if it is not theirs. The staff members and deans do this to help out the cafeteria staff so that they will not have to pick up such large amounts of garbage. Students should learn to pick up after themselves and help keep the school clean.

Not only is there a problem with littering in the cafeteria, occasionally there is even some littering on the stairwells. While walking down the stairs occasionally, there will be candy wrappers on the floor or even papers that someone decided they did not want so decided to throw on the ground.

"It's nasty," said Fadzil Mazri, sophomore.

Mazri does not litter and thinks that people who do are nasty and should just pick up after themselves.

Nobody knows why students litter. Maybe the reason is they are lazy or maybe because they are not at home. Students should consider the school their home and not a playground. Keeping our school's environment clean is important.



## Peeves are ubiquitous

Leslie Hilton  
News Editor

Visualize a customer entering a pet store and purchasing an animal. Then that customer purchases toys, food bowls, and a bed for the pet. However, the customer does not purchase any food for the animal. An employee of the pet store tries to sell some pet food that is reasonably priced and healthy for the animal. The food is sufficient with all of the vitamins and minerals the animal needs. Despite this, the customer persistently refuses to purchase the main item that the pet needs to exist.

That is employee of "Pets Plus", Ken Steinkamp's pet peeve. A pet peeve is something about which one frequently complains; a particular vexation. Steinkamp said, "People who don't want to purchase what they need for their animal in order to take care of it properly."

Steinkamp feels this way because,

"They don't want to put a lot of money in the animal, in case it would die."

Dishonest people aggravate

Jason Martin, employee of the "Golf Dome." Martin said, "The fact they tell you one thing, and it's totally opposite from the truth."

Another irritating pet peeve of Martin's is people who are not educated in golf etiquette.

"Pizza Hut" employee, Randy Wilson, dislikes it when his facility is disorganized. Wilson said,

"In my line of business, I like the facility to be kept clean."

Sometimes Wilson has complications when trying to keep his industry clean. Some of the complications that interfere with Wilson keeping his place of work spick and span are lousy equipment and poor organization.

Every occupation comes with its own pet peeve whether it be prank calls, rude customers, or slipping out without paying the bill. The job could be a dream come true, but on the other hand it will almost always have something annoying about it.

## Volume examined

Katie Klein  
Reporter

While the music at school is loud, some students believe it should be louder.

"I prefer loud music because it makes people hyper and have a high adrenaline rush. That is what is so cool about loud music. I think that the music that is played at pep sessions and other activities, the music needs to be so much louder than it is, because all the teenagers like music the best," Angela Brewster, freshman, said.

"There is no loud music in the school, but there should be. Loud music is the best; most teens think that loud music is the coolest. They think it is so much better. Most teenagers prefer the music to be louder than the music being soft," Coleen Christopher,

junior, said.

Most of the teenagers say that the teachers just choose to not play any loud music. Any teenager would agree that all the music the staff plays for assemblies, pep sessions, and other things needs to be much louder. Christopher said,

"All teenagers think that there is no point to soft music; adults think that soft music is so much better than loud music. They say that loud music gives them a headache, but they only say that because they do not like loud music."

Megan Oetting, freshman, said,

"Loud music is much easier to get into; loud music also expresses people's feelings more than soft music does."

## Off the record...

What should be done about students who disrupt class?



Marci Ryan  
Staff

"They should definitely get in a lot of trouble."



Phong Huynh  
Senior

"I think they should be punished because they come to learn."



George Green  
Junior

"I think they should be switched to a different class."



Christian Robinson  
Sophomore

"I think that they should be made to sit in a room and watch the Olsen twins over and over..."



Brandy Gove  
Freshman

"They should have to stop having to interrupt the class."

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## FUNNY HOROSCOPES

### AQUARIUS

Today you will break all the resolutions you made yesterday, and you will grin.

### PISCES

You will be sucked into a multi-level marketing organization today, and will lose all your friends and self-respect.

### ARIES

Today is an excellent day to act childish. When was the last time you ordered a drink with a straw, and blew bubbles in it?

### TAURUS

Today a person of Irish descent will attempt to sell you something you don't especially want.

### GEMINI

You will go to a Chinese restaurant and decide to try something new. Don't do it! It's not as good as your favorite.

### CANCER

You will invent a new type of lingerie, and will make millions. The stripes are the key to your success. You will call it "Ze-bra".

### LEO

You've been yodelling in your sleep, again. It's no wonder that you've been having trouble with your romantic relationships.

### VIRGO

A strange "hooting" creature will hide in your bushes today. You should be able to drive it off by whacking the bushes with a broom.

### LIBRA

Things haven't been going well for you lately, but don't worry - LOTS of people have extra appendages.

### SCORPIO

You will spend most of the day attempting to tie knots in a piece of cord, using only your toes.

### SAGITTARIUS

Today you will wrestle a giant anaconda after downing a bag of Ranch flavored potato chips and Hostess HoHos.

### CAPRICORN

You'll become part to the Formal Attire Resurgence movement. Be wary, though - there's someone dying to spit on your spats.

## Fall play production begins

Blane Pressler  
Reporter

"FAME", the fall production ensemble cast is ready for the challenge of opening night on November 15. It will also be playing on November 16.

Auditions were held on October 3 and 4. A total of thirty-five people tried out; sixteen males and nineteen females.



WORKING REALLY HARD, juniors, Megan Forsythe (left) and Andrea Blackman (right) practice through their lines for the play "Fame". Everyday after school the cast works on the play from 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Photo by: Ashley Alfeld

When the students arrived at the auditorium for auditions, tension collected in the room. As each person walked to center stage to read the lines of print on their paper, some could see others' confidence.

Many came off as self-assured and confident. Others shook like a wet dog. All the students bit their bottom lip and clenched their papers as they watched the

The roles are challenging for some, because they are playing outside of their own age group. A few students have to play adult roles, teacher roles to be exact. Some seniors and juniors play freshmen, and some people play dancers who in reality are far from dancers. There were a few true dancers playing dancer roles, though.

The students playing adult parts do not exactly know how to be

person on stage stumble through their audition.

Others were calm and comfortable; there were so many emotions in the room, excitement, anxiety, nervousness, and some panic.

After about four and half-hours of auditions Director Claryn Myers came to a decision. She went through the thirty-five potential actors and actresses and boiled it down to twenty-four of those thirty-five.

adults. They have to work on their movement, the way they stand, the way they speak and much more. It is different from everyday life which is why it is called acting.

"FAME" is a large production, and that gave many more people a chance at a role. A majority of the larger roles are given to juniors and seniors, not because they are older, but experience and ability comes with being older.

Many are nervous and excited and do not know what to expect for opening night. Junior, Tim Rodgers said,

"Excited is a funny word; if you're talking about being excited for the opening night performance, no I'm not excited. Am I excited that I get to do this, yes."

This is the first play Rodgers has ever auditioned for here at the school. To his surprise, he received the role he truly wanted and was ecstatic.

Several of the cast members may be prepared for the challenge of opening night, but that does not mean they are not a little nervous. Rodgers and junior, Andrea Blackman are two of the basic characters who are seen throughout the play. Near the middle of the play, the two have a kissing scene together. Both are pretty nervous. Blackman said,

"Yeah, (I'm nervous) I've never done one before."

People are learning lines and preparing for the play that is a few weeks away. Every actor wants the best show they can possibly present. This year the cast is no different, all striving for the best.



NORTH SIDE'S GREATEST memories can be seen here in the Memory Room. The Memory Room is located in the math hall, and with the approval of Mr. Massoth can be visited anytime. Photo by: Ashley Alfeld

## Discover the memory room

Andrea D. Brown  
Reporter

While students at today's North Side may not find too much to cheer about, the history of teams and organizations of the past can be uncovered displaying accomplishments many students prize.

In an article two years ago, *The Northerner* discussed the bizarre shortcuts, tunnels, and hidden staircases of the school. An unmarked math hall room flowing with scattered tidbits of history remained undisclosed.

What once existed as a math office now stands as a time capsule. Entering the unfamiliar room engulfs the visitor sending them through revelations of clubs, teams, and school history. The room acts as a diary with its pages dispersed throughout the closet-sized space waiting for someone to piece it together.

Art teacher, Bruce Massoth, took the project into his own hands. Beginning his collection eighteen years ago, Massoth moved the artifacts to what is now called the "Memory Room" about eight years

ago.

"I found some interesting trophies by accident one day. After that I would go on hunts looking through storage areas and the basement for new finds," Massoth said.

Throughout the area, panoramic senior photos, yellowed *Northerners*, thin, worn, bound yearbooks, trophies, and visual memories lie. The giant pairing bracket filled to where North played Indiana Washington for the basketball state title but lost in 1965, leaned against a shelf. The 1984, football flier, slightly bent lifelessly rested in a pile with its "On to State!" message still as powerful as the day it was printed. A plaque from the Student Council in memory of all who were lost at battle dated 1944-45, was tacked on the wall.

Although the school has been struggling with the strong competition of other schools, what North once was still remains. With the upcoming renovation, curator Massoth hopes for a larger area, so the visual timeline he has been collecting will be more adequate to serve all.



## "Heartbreakers" steals teens' hearts

Blane Pressler  
Reporter

New this month to VHS and DVD is "Heartbreakers", a witty comedy about two con artists out for big money. The film stars movie veteran Sigourney Weaver, and teen star Jennifer Love Hewitt.

The film begins with Max (Weaver) as a newlywed on her honeymoon with her new husband. She marries Dean, played by Ray Liotta. The day after the marriage between Dean and Max his thoughts are lead astray by an attractive secretary (Hewitt).

Dean puts the moves on the secretary, and his new wife finds the two in an awkward situation. The whole situation was a setup between the two women to get Dean's money which they get from a divorce settlement.

In this scene the true colors of the characters. This is basically a prelude to the film; the real plot of the film unfolds from there.

It is a cross between a comedy and romantic comedy-almost borderline

a "chick flick". Most guys will not mind seeing it though, just for Hewitt herself.

It could be called a comedic version of "Cruel Intentions", a plot about deceit. With two ladies out to get what they want, no matter what. The movie was great, the actresses were wonderful, and the script was cleverly written.

The story line was creative and amusing with many unexpected happenings and twists. A few of the scenes were boring, and some were too long. The film was entertaining, but at some points was a little slow. There were long moments of unnecessary dialogue.

The previews made it out to be much funnier than it truly was; but it is a good film. Like lots of movies they showed all the good parts in the previews and movie trailers and left nothing funny for the film.

Hewitt and Weaver worked their charm on the other characters in the film and the audience. If it were not for these two superstars, the movie may have sunk.

The two-hour two-minute long film is worth the money and the time out of the day to see it.



Andrea Brown  
Reporter

With as diverse a population as North Side has, all students have one occasional characteristic in common. Procrastination plays its role on each student sometime in their high school career. Some face the situation more so than others, or maybe some just know the tricks for conquering it.

With working, playing soccer, and maintaining straight A's junior, Elizabeth Bogenschutz, has found ways around procrastination.

"When I get an assignment, even if I don't want to do it right then

I try to start in as soon as possible to get it out of the way," said Bogenschutz.

Junior, Megan Bryant, feels math classes are not going to affect her after school is over, so if there is not much time, that is the first thing she cancels out. Not all students feel like Bryant and find all obligations equivalent.

Sectioning off time to many areas, all of which are of equal importance, is a never-ending battle with today's students. When one has various deadlines no matter how much time is available, no amount is enough. Deadlines are not the only worry



among students. While sports, work, and clubs share some students' free time, there is something different that junior, Natalie Cescairetti, juggles.

"Sometimes I neglect my own duties, because I am helping my younger siblings with their school work," said Cescairetti who also works everyday at her job and maintains an A-B average.

Numerous people label procrastinators as "lazy" or "slackers". For some, the stereotype may be true, but many students at North Side have high goals, dreams, and ambitions and when they procrastinate, they are not looking for the easy way out but only for a bit of R&R.

You've just entered...

### Skewed Views



60 miles an hour?! But that's impossible! I've only been driving for 15 minutes!

off the mark by Mark Parisi



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By Payne Randle  
Reporter

Racism is not existent in the world that we live in today. Racism is just a word in the dictionary between racing form and rack. The word has neither meaning nor any negative connotation. Racism plays no part in either sports or for that matter any field, be it business or play.

In 1998, when Mark McGwire broke Roger Maris' homerun record, the nation really did not care. No one made shirts or talked about it on Sports Center. Most people really did not even care or even have knowledge about the event.

This season when Barry Bonds shattered the record, the nation really embraced him. People made shirts and had auctions for his merchandise; he was even on "Good Morning America." Everybody who was anybody spoke and knew of Bond's great achievement.

Bond's great feat was in the process of being consummated around the time of September 11. Bond's homerun race was exactly what the nation needed to get back to their love for sports.

Throughout the years McGwire has easily proved himself the better player than Bonds. McGwire made it through the stereotype of being just another white baseball player.

When Jackie Robinson made it into the majors so easily, we all knew that it would be a cinch for every athlete of any race to make it in their sport. Around that time we all realized that every athlete or any person for that matter would be judged by their personality or God given talent, right?

The United States has always, in every aspect, lived up to their statement "All men are created equal." Discrimination has never really existed either. Discrimination is just a word that fits nicely right in between discretionary account and discursive.

Since the statistic got released that 95% of all head coaches in collegiate and professional levels are African-American. Players have been attracted to these schools.

Aight, aight enough is enough. Everything you have just read has been false.

Unfortunately racism is the disease no one can ever find a cure for.

It does not matter how many homeruns he hit or how nice he is to the press, Barry Bonds was basically given the cold shoulder after he had done the unthinkable. Maybe the events of September 11 were just bad timing for Bonds.

Someone explain why universities where African-Americans are given head coaching opportunities, there has usually been a decrease in player support and tryout numbers. Most Afro-American coaches are not even given the opportunity, because athletic directors have openly been afraid of what it may do to the perception of the school.

There is no excuse for this open discrimination, and it is a wonder how universities can do such things.

Athletes of color have problems already being successful black men and women in this white man's world, but they are also under a microscope 24 hours a day.

If we cannot get along with ourselves, how do we expect to defeat terrorism? Until we find a cure for this disease called racism, we will never be a nation united.

None of these comments were meant to be taken to the heart I am just callin' trumps trumps

## Cheerleading adds variety to school athletics

Payne Randle  
Reporter

Cheerleaders play a large part in school spirit all across the country, the state, and the city.

Members of the squad here at North may not have it as easy as cheerleaders do elsewhere.

With first year coach, Beverly Brown, at the crest of the pyramid, the team also has a sturdy foundation. Most of the squad members have been cheering before high school, at other schools, and are veteran members who are now senior leaders.

When asked what Brown brings to the squad, it is a unanimous decision. Discipline.

Organization plays an important part of the squad's prosperity.

Although it is unconventional in every aspect be it Little League, middle school, high school on up and even profes-

sional sports like track, baseball, softball have never traditionally had cheerleaders. When asked whether or not cheerleaders should support spring sports,

Brown said, "I don't think it is a good idea because many cheerleaders participate in spring sports, such as softball and track." She also said,

"More parental and staff support would benefit both the cheerleaders and the athletes."

Vanessa Novell, junior, who moved here from McHenry, Illinois, agreed with that comment.

Novell has been cheering for three years and said of the team and the attendance,

"We could do more stunts, but the discipline and the fun are both there. There could be more people at the games; it's kind of hard to cheer at empty bleachers."

After extensive research for this article, the squad has definitely changed with Brown's arrival. Although athletes complain when cheerleaders get their fire-ups, it is clear that the treats do not even begin to commend the athletes for the beneficial job they do.



The Redskin cheerleaders dance at the Homecoming pep rally. Many of their cheerleading routines incorporate dance and gymnastics.

photo by: Casey Johnson



## Cross Country running strong with determination

Payne Randle  
Reporter

Cross-country here at North has been rising steadily for seasons. Although most of the athletes are running to keep in shape for other sports, they never run without their hearts.



Conditions for running have fluctuated from cold to warm and back again. This does not bother athletes like Wesley Davis, junior, who said,

"The weather doesn't bother me; I think it gives me a mental edge over those who complain."

The men's race is usually about 3.1 miles long while the ladies are usually about 2.5 miles.

Neither men's coach Bill Blosser nor ladies coach Mike Engler was available for comment.

Julie Jackson, sophomore, who started running as a freshman, said,

"(Engler) brings fun and team unity and tries to help us achieve our personal bests."

Most of the team ran during middle and they all agree that running in high school is definitely more complex.

Destinie Davis, freshman, who moved from Bakersfield, California, said,

"It is tough waking up early for some of the meets, but it keeps me in shape for basketball."

Most of the athletes use the

sport as a way to get aggression off their chests, really just clear their minds, which most agree, it does.

As the season winds down, the leaves change colors, tempera-

ture drops, and our summer juggernauts prepare to turn into winter warriors a successful cross-country season has now completed.



North side competes in the West Noble Cross Country Invitational on September 15. The Redskins finished 10th in the standings.

## Athletes rely on superstitions for good luck

Andy Milentis  
Sports editor

What helps athletes perform to their best abilities at North Side? Could it be the hours of practice they put in? Is it the basic physical skills that have been drilled into them for years by coaches past and present? What about good luck?

Superstitions have been a part of sports from the beginning. In ancient times, athletes would receive blessings from the gods and based upon their performance, were considered either blessed or

cursed. In Rome, those participating in sporting events wore family medals in order to be blessed by the family gods. Failure to succeed in highly speculated sporting events such as the Greek Olympic games or the Roman gladiator fights could have resulted in public humiliation for life or even death. Everything was done superstitiously in an attempt to please the gods.

Although today superstitions do not seem to play as big of a role in athletics, they are still practiced here at North Side. A good superstition has to be one that works. Some su-

perstitions are common like rabbits feet or four leaf clovers, but most are a little more interesting and have a personal touch to them. Junior Andrew Gritzmaker, who plays for North Side's soccer team, has one peculiar superstition that from his point of view works.

"I didn't wash my soccer socks at all this season. After each game I just took them off and threw them in my bag until the next game," said Gritzmaker.

As odd as it may sound his superstitions were more than just good luck, it worked.

He said, "I just started doing it this year. It helped me get at least 5 minutes in each varsity game."

Many of the students who play sports here at North Side have been participating in sports for many years. By the time they reach high school, they are sure to pick up a few tricks that bring them good luck. Junior cross-country runner, Rob Dill, shares another example.

"It's a proven fact that you always run your best race the day after you get a hair cut," He said.

"I've done it ever since Darrin Kemp (junior) told me about it in the eighth grade."

Superstitions can just be something to do. Things like eating a certain meal before a game or wearing a lucky hairstyle may not actually improve chances of winning, but they are just fun to take part in. After so many games played and so many times practicing what might be called a "superstition," it may seem as if a person cannot play without it. Superstitions will always just be part of the game.



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**Sports**- Band ends a great season with seventh place in the state competition!

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## Regulations determine snow days

Katie Klein  
Reporter

Decisions to close schools are made day to day. The superintendent may decide to close schools because of bad weather or in the interest of students' safety. In rare cases, one school may be dismissed early or closed because of a power outage, flood or other condition that makes it impossible for students to attend classes. In most cases when schools close, however, it is because of bad weather. Although Fort Wayne Community Schools does not get many school days, when there is a snow day Cyndi Hernandez, freshman, likes to make snowmen and she likes to do stuff with her family and friends. Hernandez said, "Sometimes I like it when there is a snow day; it just depends on what the weather is like."

In case of a power outage, classes will continue in schools where there is sufficient natural light. Parents will be notified if classes are dismissed in their child's school because of an extended power outage. School may be delayed one or two hours or delayed at first, and then canceled as weather conditions

worsen. Parents should stay tuned to radio and television since a delay may become a closing if weather conditions worsen. Parents should also tune in to television and radio stations for notice of school cancellations or delays. Notices are given to the media as early as possible, usually by 5:30 a.m. Hernandez said, "Sometimes when I don't come to school because of a school day, I get really bored."

Because FWCS includes 150 square miles of urban, suburban and rural neighborhoods, conditions often vary throughout the district. It is hard to judge the conditions over the entire district based on one section, so when the weather is poor school officials are out driving by 4 a.m. to experience road conditions firsthand. School officials also call the County Highway Department, State Police, City Street Department, National Weather Bureau and neighboring school districts for information. These are rare times when weather conditions become severe during the day, and schools are closed prior to the usual dismissal time. Announcements of an early dismissal are made before 12:35 p.m. to allow bus drivers to be ready to take stu-

dents home. Middle and high school students are taken home first, followed within about 45 minutes by elementary school students.

The state requires one hundred and eighty-day school year. A school district may request a waiver from the state for days missed due to emergency school closings. If the waiver is not granted, students must go to school on the makeup day. Makeups are scheduled in the 2001-2002 calendar on these dates: January 18, May 24, May 31, with any remainder added to the end of the school year. Frank Yeranko, assistant principal, said,

"The reason why we don't have many school days into our school year is because it is a negotiation with the school and the teacher's union."



## Christmas party brightens spirits

Andrea D. Brown  
Reporter

To imagine the devastation, heartache, and trauma wrapped into a loved one suffering an illness forces most people to cringe at the thought. Some lose grandparents, mothers, father, aunts, and uncles to body-withering disease called cancer while some parents struggle through the early years of their child's life as it is the young one fighting the disease.

Each year, 150 of every 1 million Americans under the age of twenty will develop cancer. Surgeries, medications, chemotherapy sessions, and radiation treatments assist the children with their health.

Classes let out in June for



**WHEN ELECTRONICS FAIL:** Elke Stroeger, cafeteria worker, performs her job the traditional way. Robert McKensey, junior, waits for Stroeger to calculate prices by hand. photo by: Mel Lauer

gan the now infamous student-run "Kids Surviving Cancer Christmas Party".

"With all of the costs patients need to pay, this party is some family's only Christmas," said Schlatter.

Proceeds from the Homecoming powder-puff game, fundraisers, and various collections assist the new chairs of the event, the North Side Youth Optimist Club, to put on a party like in years past. With the money raised, students 'shop 'til they drop' at Target for one of the many families in attendance.

"Last year there were 30 families attending. This year I hope for at least 40-50 families to come," said founder of the North Side Youth Optimist Club and teacher, Scott Borah.

With the Danceskins, theatre cast, swing choir, orchestra, jazz musicians, and more all performing at the December 16, 2001, party, it should still maintain its righteous reputation.

## College credits earned early-on

Diana Flores  
Reporter

After high school, many graduates go to college. One of many programs that North Side offers students is the Collegiate Connection Program. The Collegiate Connection is a program that gives seniors the opportunity to earn college course credits while taking those courses during the high school years.

Senior, Rachel Komanec, is one of the seniors who is enrolled in Collegiate Connection. Komanec is taking elementary Friday and usually lasts for 80

minutes. One of the reasons why she decided to take this college course is so she can start out early-on getting her college credits, and, by the way, she is planning on attending college. So far Komanec is doing fine in the course and plans to keep up the good work.

"It is a neat experience," said Komanec.

Elementary Psychology is one of many courses available for seniors to take. Enrolled, Gabriel Gardner, is also enrolled in the program and is studying Introduction to American Politics. Gardner figured it would be a good experience

for him and also it would help him warm up for when he starts college. Introduction to American Politics meets every Thursday and Friday and last for at least an hour. It does sometimes last longer due to the professor's long speeches. The course is mainly reading, and there are several homework assignments.

"I recommend this to anyone deciding to go to college," said Gardner.

The Collegiate Connection Program is an excellent program that gives students the opportunity and the experiences they need to become a college student. For any questions about the Collegiate Connection Program, see Lizzie Epps, Guidance Counselor.

## Danceskins take over stage

Katie Klein  
Reporter

Danceskins 6 won first place at Tremaine two times! Tremaine is a dance convention where one thousand different dancers from other states compete. There are even dancers from Canada.

Tiara Kincade, junior, said, "I didn't have to learn the dance, because I choreographed it."

The girls are going to be dancing all day in workshop. Workshop starts at 7 a.m., and it ends at 12 a.m. Dance Class 6 will be performing dangerous. Bonnie

Amburgery, dance teacher, said "I hope that the girls get first place again like they did before."

The girls in Dance work very hard to be able to go to a competition. They worked on the dance for a month and a half. The girls hope that they get at least in the top five. Lindsey Pequino, junior, said,

"The hardest part of learning the dance would be just trying to get everyone to focus on the dance and not to talk as much."

There are two girls who choreographed the dance; they are Tiara Kincade and Lindsey Carpenter. Pequino, said,

"I think that we will do very

well if we focus very hard, because we have been having trouble with that."

The girls have a favorite part of the dance. Kincade said,

"I hope that we will place. We do not have to get first, but I want us to place."

The girls are really excited about going to this competition. They really hope to do well there. Chelsea Staight, junior, said,

"I think that the hardest part of the dance was remembering all the moves that we learned."

The girls have been working very hard through the time on planning for the dance. Great job on Danceskins and good luck.

## Upcoming attractions

November 30<sup>th</sup>  
Senior Baby Ads Due

December 1st  
SAT Test @ North Side

December 5th  
ASVAB Testing for Juniors

December 7th  
Holiday Pops @ Embassy Centre  
The spirit of the the season will seen during the performance. The performance includes the Philharmonic Chorus director, Thomas Remenschneider and Edvard Tchivzhel.

December 7th  
Sesame Street Live @ Allen County War Memorial Coliseum. tickets cost 11 & 13 dollars.

December 8th  
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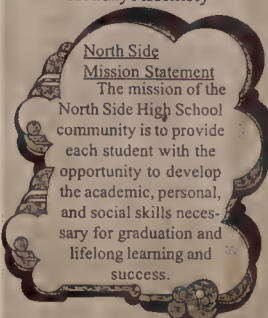
December 9th  
Sesame Street Live @ Allen County War Memorial Coliseum

December 10th  
Hanukkah begins @ sundown

December 13th  
Holiday Concert

December 14th  
Holiday Pops @ Embassy Centre

December 19th  
Holiday Assembly



**North Side Mission Statement**  
The mission of the North Side High School community is to provide each student with the opportunity to develop the academic, personal, and social skills necessary for graduation and lifelong learning and success.

## Quote of the Day

"Don't do things to not die, do things to enjoy living. The by-product may not be dying."

-Bernie S. Siegel



**DANCESKINS WORK HARD:** Danceskins level 6 travel to Dearborn, Michigan to perform to their dance "Dangerous". This photo can be found on a collage located in Bonnie Amburgery, dance teachers, office.

photo contributed by: Bonnie Amburgery

November 30, 2001

## Childhood companions slip away



Melinda Lauer  
Editor-in-Chief

Friends are forever. At least that is the way every child with a best friend feels. Having that one friend you would do anything for, even if it was eating sand from the sandbox, you would do it. Every pre-pubescent adolescent has fond memories of playing a game of neighborhood tag or hide-and-seek with a best friend until the streetlights came on. Friends were easy to make and easy to hold onto, but once again something comes along changing what made you sheltered and content like a cruel, gust of wind ripping the leaves off of a maple tree in summer.

"There are so many complications I am struggling to understand..."

Here's to the friends: the friends of 'once were' and the friends of 'will be'. Since 8th, 5th, and 3rd grade, I have had the pleasure of meeting the most spectacular, diverse group of people in my life. Fortunately they are still with me sharing in the confusing and soap opera-like high school adventure. It seems as though we have at one point or another slipped away from each other, though. There are so many complications I am struggling to understand, grasp the reason why things have changed. We do not hang out or call each other anymore talking for hours about the people we like, the drama at school or planning to hang out for the weekend. Wishes are made to be close again and maybe closer this time around. Pondering what made us leave each other- it could have been the lack of time spent together in school, new and better friends were discovered, or a love was chosen over a friend. Some even tell rumors, lies, or put downs as if they never acknowledged the bond which was shared. There are so many factors that could have caused this disheartening separation of companionship. The season has now contorted into winter, leaving that maple tree thriving to survive in isolation and pleading for the seasons to return, so as to gain back the leaves that made the maple happy.

On a personal side note, I would like to remember those friends of once were and those occasional ones that are still near me with the memories that made us laugh. This column is dedicated to the "Flipper" laugh, tripping into bridges, "Take the Hit", and the dead raccoon.

## From the Desk of . . .

### Redskin pride knows no decade

Dan Joley  
Guest Reporter

As I sit here at my desk trying to think of something intellectually stimulating or even remotely interesting to tell everybody about "boring old me," a song rambled through my head. (I think it was Run DMC) There, a voice called out and said to me, "Hey Joley, you were a former North Side student so why don't you tell them about what is was like to be a North Side student way back in the 80's?" I said to my voice "not so fast, the 80's were not waaaay back!"

Why, it only seemed like yesterday that the haircut that all the really cool guys at North Side had was the Mullet and we, I mean, they were all wearing pink Polo shirts with

the collars flipped up. Well, I am here to tell you that not everybody wore pink Polo shirts with the collars flipped up; we had lots of different colors to choose from. The girls had a more diverse set of fashion rules to follow. They could either dress like Pat Benatar or Madonna. Just ask Mrs. Figel.

Getting to school was tough way back in the 80's. Most of us had to walk two miles uphill in the driving snow everyday! But, for the fortunate few, they could drive their AMC Pacers or their Chevrolet Citations to school. Yeah, those were the days. . . . Real cars!

I can also remember those weekend nights cruising down State Street with a glove box full of eight tracks and a list of places to go. The final destination was always a place called the "Circus". It was the coolest place to be; it was an

arcade. But the cool people didn't play the games, only the nerds played the games. (I think I still have the highest score for Centipede.)

Of course, after a fun filled night at the "Circus," I would hurry home and change into my Aquaman pajamas to catch the 9 o'clock showing of Dance Fever, then hit the books. . . . (I had a stack of books propping up one corner of my bed, because the roller was broken.) Those books propping up my bed were most likely my textbooks! Just ask my teachers some of whom are still walking our halls, albeit a little slower these days.

In all seriousness, I am very proud to call myself a former student here at North Side. The students of the 80's were not much dif-

ferent from students today. The most common trait that both the Redskins of the past and the Redskins of today share is our acceptance of diversity.

We are blessed to have students from many different nations who bring with them a wealth of culture and also a strong desire to learn our culture. Well, these students have come to the right place! North Side has a great tradition of welcoming with open arms students from all over the world. North Side students are tolerant of differences and many of you are eager to learn other cultures. You should be very proud of this! As I am very proud to be a Redskin. . . . still!

### Entertainers experiment with new mediums

Blane Pressler  
Reporter

There are all types of different entertainers: actors, singers, dancers, writers, talk show hosts, the list goes on. Should they expand themselves and move into different areas?

Ever since entertainment began, there were people who did it all—acted, sang, and danced. As time went on, and musicals faded out, entertainers stuck to one basic profession until recently. There are many people in the entertainment industry who are crossing

over and performing in more than one way; for instance Will Smith, Jennifer Lopez, Whitney Houston, and many more.

Singers like Snoop Dogg, Britney Spears, Mariah Carey, and some of the N'SYNC guys are taking on the silver screen. Actors like Kevin Spacey, Jennifer Love Hewitt, and David Hasselhoff have come out with CDs and are attempting musical careers. Some speculate the transition between acting and singing, or singing and acting.

Rap artists like DMX, LL Cool J, and Lil' Kim are going for a well-rounded list of accomplishments by

taking on a film career as well as taking on a musical career. LL Cool J is becoming more recognizable in the acting field as well as already being established in the music industry. He has appeared in such films as "Halloween H2O" and "Deep Blue Sea."

Out of all recent actors/singers, Jennifer Lopez must be mentioned. She is one of few who had a number one record on the charts as well as a number one movie at the box office. Her CD "J LO" was released the same week as her film "The Wedding Planner". Not only does she have chart-topping hits,

she has a list of successful films. "Selena," "Anaconda," and "The Cell," are just a few of her films.

The question on everyone's mind would be: "Is the world ready for Mariah Carey and N'SYNC to act?"

"If they have the talent," said Latoshia Kruse, sophomore.

Some say yes and just as many say no. When the movies are realized, the critics' reviews will come flowing from TV, magazines, and newspapers. The real test will be at the box office and will answer the question "Can they act?"

### Students transcend district lines

Diana Flores  
Reporter

Some students make a 30-minute drive to school. Others make a 15-minute drive to school on bus or either by walking. Some students who attend school are not in their school's district. Why do students decide to attend a different school then the school district that they live in?

Sophomore, David Butler, lives in South Side's district and still attends North Side. Butler usually rides his bike to school in the fall, which takes him from 15 to 30 minutes to arrive at school. In the winter, he catches a ride from one of his friends whom he attends school with. He feels that the school districts should not have anything to do with what school a student attends and should not stop a student from going to the school they want to attend.

"I want to go to the school all my friends go to," said Butler.

North Side's district runs as

far south as areas of Rudisill and as far west as areas around Goshen. It goes north as far as Smith and as east as areas around Coliseum Blvd. To qualify for free yellow bus transportation, students must reside in areas east of Hobson Road, north of Coliseum Boulevard, west of Wells Street, north of Franke Park, and south of the Maumee River. Butler is not the only student who lives outside of the school's district. Senior, Franklin Walker, lives in Nordrop's district and attends North Side. One of the reasons he has chosen to attend North Side is because of our outstanding Collegiate Program. Instead of getting a ride from a friend or walking, Walker takes the city bus to school every day. It usually takes him 15 to 30 minutes maximum to arrive at school. Although depending on the traffic, it sometimes takes longer.

School districts may or may not stop students from going to the school they wish to attend, but no matter what school they go to or what district they live in, they are still getting their education.

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Out of the Blue

### Trust and honesty needed in friends

Diana Flores  
Reporter

One of many gifts that life gives is friends. Everyone needs a friend in life. A friend is someone to go to the movies with, someone to go shopping with, and someone to talk to about a crush. In a long-lasting friendship, both partners must have trust in each other. Trust is the main part of a friendship. Trust and honesty are the main requirements for having a long-lasting friendship.

There are many long-lasting friendships here at school. Best friends sit together at lunch and chat about how their day has gone so far. Others hang out at the lunch tables and play cards. A long-lasting friendship is something special. Friends share their deepest secrets and the latest news on fashion. Some even have sleep-overs at each other's house. A friend is someone to count on and to talk to. One long-lasting friendship is held between Sophomores Valerie Johnson and Elizabeth Weighnd.

The two both met each other one day in the sixth grade while sitting out of gym class for not dressing. Ever since, the two have been inseparable. They spend the night over at each other's house and go to the movies. Not to mention share the latest info on the cute boys. They even go trick or- treating every year together. Johnson thinks that one of the reasons why she and Weigend's friendship has lasted so long is because they have so much in common. They never fight and always work out their problems before arguing.

"We are proof of a long-lasting friendship," said Johnson.

In a long-lasting friendship, one has to have trust and be able to rely on that person. It is nice to have someone to talk to every now and then. A friend is a companion to share thoughts and feelings with. All of that and many more aspects can be found in a long-lasting friendship.

Off the record....

What is your hidden talent?



Nita Auer  
Staff

"Having a secret cookie recipe."



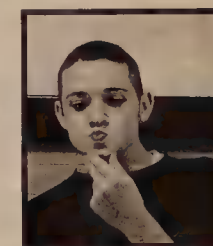
Stephanie Lemcke  
Senior

"Saving the world from June bugs."



Le Matha  
Junior

"I can make a rose out of gum."



Lee Gibson  
Sophomore

"I can gleek all over people."



Marvin Beard  
Freshman

"I eat people too."

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November 30, 2001

## FUNNY HOROSCOPES

### AQUARIUS

January 20 - February 19

Today you will develop a type of rubber overshoe that looks like dinosaur's feet.

### PISCES

February 20 - March 20

Your main problem? You're not eating NEARLY enough strudel.

### ARIES

March 21 - April 20

Today you will be "moon"ed by a cat.

### TAURUS

April 21 - May 21

You will be hit on the head by a carton of yogurt today, which will not strike you as being the least bit funny.

### GEMINI

May 22 - June 21

A person named "Elmo" will call you repeatedly, and will refuse to believe that he's dialed a wrong number.

### CANCER

June 22 - July 22

Today you must seek out the perfect noodle. Also, according to a recently reversed decision it's now perfectly ok to slurp noodles. (Or so I've been told.)

### LEO

July 23 - August 23

You will discover a new "5th law" of Thermodynamics.

### VIRGO

August 24 - September 23

Deny everything!!

### LIBRA

September 24 - October 23

Not an especially good day to play with heavy artillery or nuclear weaponry. Why not go out and putter about in the garden instead?

### SCORPIO

October 24 - November 23

If you are not careful, you may accidentally insult someone by a poor choice of words, and hurt their feelings. In particular, the expression "hideously deformed" may not be as neutral as you believe.

### SAGITTARIUS

November 24 - December 23

Someone will tell you today "Boy, what a girl goes through to send her brother through proctology school." Despite being forewarned, you won't have anything to say.

### CAPRICORN

December 24 - January 19

Excellent day to pretend to have various informalities. Pretending to have a hunchback is my personal favorite, and is often favorably combined with a drooling problem.

## Another year for the yearbook staff

Blane Pressler  
Reporter

Every year "The Legend" is put together to hold the memories of the year for staff and students. The year is filled with sports, plays, dances, and much more. Every activity holds a memory for someone.

At the end of the year, "The Legend" is passed out to the students as they flip through the pages and gaze at their high school life put into a book of pictures and words. The pictures holding memorable moments of semi-formal or the homecoming football game.

Not only do the students and staff enjoy looking at the

yearbook, but also the yearbook staff enjoys making, "The Legend." Yearbook staff members are already busy at work. They are producing the pages and spreads for "The Legend" edition for this school year.

Deadlines are made and are continuing to be made for when pages and pictures are due. Yearbook photo sessions are already occurring during numerous activities here at the school. Long hours are spent during and after school to create North Side's yearbook.

The yearbook staff recently took a trip to Boston, Massachusetts, for a yearbook seminar where they received several awards for their efforts as a staff

and as individuals for "The Legend." It placed seventh in the nation at the Boston seminar. It is a huge honor for the staff and the school.

Individual awards were given out as well for areas of Excellency. Seniors Sarah Komanec, David Frank, and Alex Devinney received some of those individual awards for their different areas. There is so much to appreciate about the yearbook and the memories it gives to the students.

"(I enjoy) the great coverage," said Chrissy Robinson, sophomore.

"The Legend" puts an effort into what they do to create the best product they can to represent the school and cover the incredible activities that go on all year.



HARD, NONSTOP WORK best describes the yearbook staffs' daily lives. Here in room 113 Dan Vance, senior, and Tim Rodgers, junior, team up to create North Side's very own yearbook. Photo by: Mel Lauer

## View the weekly news

Andrea D. Brown  
Reporter

Working with digital cameras, fancy editors, and more, the Mass Communications students and teacher, Scott Brown, learn the ropes behind the luxurious world of television.

Everyday students are given assignments out of their thick math book to repeat, repeat, and repeat. A novel is handed to English students to visualize lead character, Will Tweedy grow in their minds while reading the book *Cold Sassy Tree*. Other students escape the norm as they enter Mass Communications class and pick up the equipment of television directors, camera operators, technical assistants, and Teleprompters among others.

The outcome of this equipment and a week's worth of skits and projects is the student run show, "News and Views," which airs the last twenty minutes of each class on Fridays, and at 6:00 p.m. Friday

evening and 8:30 a.m. Saturday morning on cable Channel 54.

Since all the material of the show is developed by the students, Brown acts as a "censor" making sure it is all appropriate for school. Brown insists the ideas stay school related but lets the students do their own thing only giving occasional suggestions.

Junior, Sam Loeffler, enjoys every part of the class.

"I like testing my own ideas and seeing my own things on TV. The editing process is a lot of fun, too," Loeffler said.

A teacher recommendation, writing skills, and good attendance are necessities for entrance into the class.

Although the class is packed with funny memories and interesting television facts, students must work hard, develop ideas, and always meet deadlines.

"We're always looking for serious, creative, and trustworthy students, because the show can only be as good as the students make it," Brown said.

## Racism hits schools and students

Andrea D. Brown  
Reporter

Although schools recognize Martin Luther King, Jr. day and still his legendary "I have a dream..." speech and his further peace beliefs into students, a new hatred for culture, race, and ethnic background has erupted. Beginning September 11, 2001, just minutes before 9:00 a.m., America began this transformation as a hijacked airliner shattered a tower of the World Trade Center. Over 4,000 casualties among fellow Americans were tallied.

Government officials and citizens were left puzzled as to whom was responsible for testing the life, liberty, and justice of this strong nation. After round-the-clock investigation, CIA most wanted list member, Osama bin Laden, stood as the number one suspect. Immediately, President George W. Bush, declared war on bin Laden, his followers, his home country of Afghanistan, and any other country in disagreement with the United States, as the "War on Terrorism" unfolded.

Just as fast, American citizens' opinions inflamed. As news shots of the still smoldering building and new government actions were released, citizens thought, some for the first time, of their freedom, safety, and of the outside world. At once, Americans blamed not only bin Laden, but anyone of his descent, skin color, and fashion association. Some behind the fingers of various Americans, were

also Americans themselves with a slight different skin color and dress choice. To be more precise they were Arab Americans, who were born in the United States and are permanent residents, but trace their ancestry back to Arabic speaking regions, much like Native Americans, African-Americans, German-Americans or any other kind of American.

A lack of education lies in most Americans who are quick to judge, harass, and in some cases inflict pain on others of our fellow Americans. To some these different people are not even Americans although they obtain just as much right as any other. The population increases annually, and the Census Bureau now estimates up to a total of 3 million Arab-American residents from all 50 states.

Turbans, veils, and scarves are linked to "Islam" and "Muslims". The truth stands, as there being no such thing as "Islam". Islam is the religion followed by Muslims. Islamic followers do not wear turbans. Men from other Middle Eastern countries, especially India, dress in turbans, but have no relation of the Islamic religion. The men widely viewed on television displaying turbans, wear them in relation with their own local ethnic tradition. This is how the Islamic religion is related to the terrorist attacks of September 11. The people held accountable for the attacks interpret Islam differently than it is. It is completely inconsistent from the teachings and traditions of basically every other Muslim.

In such ways these acts can be compared to the anti-abortion activists

of this country who believed and followed in the slaying of abortion doctors and bombing the clinics.

Havoc literally exploded when Oklahoma City was bombed. Although, there were many accusations initially conceived, it was later determined a Caucasian, American male who was arrested and convicted due to his act of terrorism.

Other countries follow various religions and beliefs. There is no documented and governmentally acceptable religion or belief that outside countries follow to demolish the United States. The only such religions exist are those with a "lunatic fringe". The U.S. Arab-Americans want no harm done to this glorious country, and no harm should be wished upon them.

## Gobble, gobble, it's turkey time!

Leslie Hilton  
News Editor

In numerous areas of the world, time is set aside to give thanks. Dates and customs vary, but the purpose always manages to remain the same.

The American day to give thanks is celebrated on the fourth Thursday of November. Thanksgiving is often considered a time for family, food (turkey), and football. It is also an unmarked beginning to the winter holiday season.

Canada's harvest holiday is similar to the American holiday. They also, like in America, have a turkey as a symbol. On Thanksgiving, Canadians eat foods such as turkey, stuffing, cranberry sauce, and many other traditional foods. Unlike America, Canada's day to give thanks is



food for the day is a rice cake. It is stuffed with beans, chestnuts, or sesame seeds with honey.

In Bosnia, Bajram is very similar to the American Thanksgiving. Mimesa Hrustic, sophomore, said,

"... We sit with friends and family."

Many of their foods are very similar. There are a few differences. For instance, instead of turkey, the main dish is roasted lamb. Another difference is instead of pumpkin pie or cranberry sauce, a common dessert is baklava.

Thanksgiving traditions may vary, but they all provide an overall happiness from spending cherished time with families. Jennifer Ikerd, freshman, said,

"My favorite part is spending time with family."

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OH, MAN! I'M SUPPOSED TO HAVE A PARACHUTE?!

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By Payne Randle  
Reporter

## Adrenaline rushes from the X-treme

Eric Frank  
Guest Reporter

Loyalty and betrayal go hand and hand. To avoid betrayal one must remain loyal, and to be loyal one must avert betrayal.

In the sports world today, and the world we live in period, the average person looks only to cover him or herself. Whether it be demanding a trade because an athlete is not the "main event" or because of the desire for a larger contract. The fact that the team is winning or their overall standings sometimes does not make a difference to selfish athletes. In turn that athlete may be deserting or betraying the team for self-benefit.

Since the first major case of Judas betraying Jesus, betrayal has seemed to be on the uprising, and it is not uncommon for an athlete of today to pull a stunt such as those listed above to get what they want.

In the everyday life that most of us lead here at North, betrayal can be anything from a friend sitting at another lunch table, to that same friend telling vicious lies behind your back.

To remain loyal to your team, friend, company, etc., is to live by principle. It is easier to leave when times are hard than it is to fight the tide. Those who betray are to be considered cowards, frightened at what they cannot handle, so they jump ship. Often times they tend to regret it, but it is of course too late.

Success comes from remaining loyal to the cause, yourself, and your teammates. Those who are willing to stick together will, in the end, be triumphant. Growing together means through both good and bad, thick and thin.

Loyalty is a virtue that unfortunately many people have yet to acquire. People in all positions are perpetrators of betrayal. A teacher can be guilty of betraying a student, as can the Principal of betraying a teacher. The qualm with loyalty and betrayal is do they have to deal with morals?

As most would agree, they should if they do not. How could a person feel good about themselves after betraying a person(s) after they had obviously put trust into them?

In the world we live in today, people look out for them. They care not about your feelings or what you are going through. In a nutshell, the world is becoming a larger New York City.

As with most topics discussed in this column, this is not to be read, critiqued, and forgotten. It is to bring to the reader's attention to any injustices done in the world, particularly pertaining to the sports world, because that is where this column is printed. If the students and staff at North can change the littlest thing, then it starts here, but it benefits the nation.

Do not get the wrong idea about me, I am just callin' trumps trumps.

Driven by sheer motivation and love for the games, extreme sports enthusiasts plunge themselves into the daring and unknown.

Even though it may seem dangerous, the popularity of extreme sports continues to grow. Teens crave the adrenaline rush felt as they soar through the air and come crashing back down to earth in a few blissful seconds that makes them feel like they can fly. Although different teens may have different reasons for getting involved in extreme sports, each share a love and passion for the games.

Sophomore, Chris Scott, started racing motocross at the age of four. Scott credits his start in extreme sports to his father.

"My dad was into it, and it seemed like the thing to do. I wanted to follow in his footsteps," said Scott.

Scott loves the adrenaline rush he feels as he zips around the track on his dirt bike. Even though Scott has not made it as far as he hoped, he still plans on going pro as soon as he possibly can.

Sophomore, D'wan



EXTREME DANGER AND adrenaline rushes while Chris Scott, sophomore, soars through the air at a competition in Bedford, IN. Chris has been competing in motocross since the age of four.

photos by: Mike Scott artistically rendered by: Melinda Lauer

Porter, has been a skateboarder for four years now. Porter got his start from his cousin. His cousin had a skateboard and whenever Porter went to his house, he would go outside with his skateboard and skate for hours. Porter hopes to find a sponsor within the next ten years, so he will be able to go pro.

"It's something different to do. Try skateboarding; it's funner than basketball," said Porter.

As the attention of extreme sports becomes greater, more and more popularity is drawn to them, the extreme. Much work and endurance is taken to master the traits of extreme sports. Yet to them, it is all worth it in the end.



STILL SMILING DURING practice here Laura Myers, junior, is seen practicing after school. The pool is used by students periodically throughout North Side's day.

photo by: Leslie Hilton

## Swimmers heat the waters with speed

Christina Lauer  
News Editor

As weather gets colder, swimming season is heating up. While the girls warm up for one of the most intense seasons of the year.

Swimming is the best workout for the human body, but swimming it is not meant for everyone. The mind and body must be equal in strength. Math Teacher and Girls Swimming coach, Michael Engler, said,

"Mentally a swimmer has to be willing to work hard and make an improvement. They must enjoy competing. They really have to want to know how good they can be."

Even though being mentally strong is the top quality in this sport, speed is also a necessity. Engler said,

"My lead swimmers will be the ones who are the fastest."

est."

Although it is early in the season, they still are working hard with their goals set high for this year. Three-year swimmer junior Emily Hayes, said,

"My goals this season are to break all of my records from last year especially my IM (individual melody) time by at least two or three seconds."

Two or three seconds does not seem like very much, but according to the swimmers this is a great accomplishment. The girls do not accomplish these goals just by a click of their heels. They spend two hours or even four a night including the weekends to work toward these goals.

With all the hard work, strength, time, and dedication that the girls put into their passion to swim. There will probably be some type of victory in each of their hearts whether it is the victory of winning or the victory of self-pride.

## Hard work lands band in high demand

Blane Pressler  
Reporter

Band is a largely overlooked activity here at school. The band is under estimated in their talent as performers in their particular field of activity. The band works hard through the summer and into the fall season for competitions.

They go to band camp over the summer to learn new routines for the upcoming year. New music and marching techniques are taught by Ed King, the band teacher. Long hours are spent in planning the bands movements and practicing them to get them down correctly.

"Memorizing music and putting it to the marching," said Michelle Pifer, junior. She said that they worked hard and that when it came time for state that she was afraid at what it would be like. She said that people were telling her how scary it would be to perform in front of all those people and that it would be difficult for everyone, but she said that it was not as bad as people made it out to be, and that she was thrilled with the outcome of their band. A large amount of pride is put into what they do, to make an effort out to be the best.

Band camp is how the band starts their season off. The entire end of the summer is taken by practices for the band. Days are spent practicing with a small break in the middle for them to eat lunch, that just getting started with the band though.

Football games come next on the bands list of activities. Competitions start around the same time. Football games are just practices for them. It is another chance to perform. They dress to impress and do their best.

The band dressed in black outfits, step out onto the field to give their performance. As always the crowd cheering them on as they play, and march their songs. To most that isn't what band is about. It is the competition that matters.

North Side's band traveled to different cities, and schools around the state to

compete against other schools. They did this for their ultimate goal, to go to state. On weekends they would travel in buses, and go to perform at different locations such as Carmel, Indiana. They came home with second and third place often.

The band eventually went to state, and competed against the top ten best schools in the state of Indiana. Where they placed eighth out of ten in the entire state. It was an accomplishment that the entire band shared together as a whole. To some though, band is more than just competing or performing at a football game.

"The way the people came together as a family, and focused when they were supposed to," said Teri Rufner, junior. The band spends so much time together and share so many moments together that in a way to them, they become like a family.

"Spending time together," said Sarah Pepple, junior. She said that it was her favorite part of band, just being with her friends and enjoying her time with them was important to her.

The band started off well this year putting effort forth to do their best at what they want to accomplish. It took them to state and won them number eight out of Indiana.



## Upcoming Sports Events

### Friday, November 30

Var/Res Boys Basketball  
@ Columbia City  
6:30 P.M.

### Saturday, December 1

Var Wrestling vs.  
ELM/HRT/SS/LEO/NH  
@ South Side 9:00 A.M.  
Var/Res/Fresh Girls Basketball  
Vs. Luers @ North Side 6:15 P.M.

### Tuesday, December 4

Var Wrestling  
Snider/Luers/Harding  
@ North Side 5:30 P.M.  
Var/Res/Fresh Girls Basketball  
@ New Haven 6:15 P.M.  
Var/Res Boys/Girls Swimming  
vs. Columbia City  
@ South Side Pool 6:30 P.M.

### Wednesday, December 5

Res/Fresh Girls Basketball  
@ Snider 6:15 P.M.

### Thursday, December 6

Var/Res Boys/Girls Swimming  
vs. South Adams  
@ South Side Pool 5:30 P.M.  
Res/Fresh Boys Basketball  
vs. Snider 6:15 P.M.

### Friday, December 7

Var Girls Basketball vs. Snider  
@ North Side 6:15 P.M.  
Var Boys Basketball vs. Snider  
@ North Side 8:00 P.M.

### Saturday, December 8

Var Wrestling Delta Inv.  
@ Delta 9:00 A.M.

### Monday, December 10

Res/Fresh Boys Basketball  
@ Leo 8:00 P.M.  
Res/Fresh Girls Basketball  
@ Leo 6:14 P.M.  
Res Wrestling NRP/SNU/HOME  
@ Northrop 5:30 P.M.

### Tuesday, December 11

Var/Res Boys/Girls Swimming  
Vs. Dwenger/ Wayne  
@ South Side Pool 3:45 P.M.  
Var Girls Basketball  
@ Leo 6:15 P.M.  
Var Boys Basketball  
@ Leo 8:00 P.M.

### Thursday, December 13

Fresh Boys Basketball vs.  
Huntington @ Northside  
6:15 P.M.

### Friday, December 14

Var/Res/Fresh Boys Basketball  
@ Harding 6:15 P.M.

### Tuesday, December 18

Var Boys/Girls Swimming  
vs. Snider/Luers  
@ South Side Pool  
Var/Res/Fresh Boys Basketball  
vs. East Noble @ North Side  
6:15 P.M.

### Thursday, December 20

Res/Fresh Boys Basketball  
vs. Wayne  
@ North Side 6:15 P.M.  
Res/Fresh Girls Basketball  
@ Wayne 6:15 P.M.



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## American flag sketching keeps soldiers alive

Elizabeth Willer  
Opinion Editor

Carrying a stack of memorabilia including photos, newspaper clippings, a flight suit, and a gun, Jack Gren entered the U.S. History classroom. His uniform was decorated with all sorts of pins, medals, and ribbons. Without taking any time for formal introductions, he immediately began to tell the class about his personal experiences fighting in World War II.

Gren was only 16-years-old and was just graduated from high school. The Armed Forces cared about ability, not age.

"I must tell you, as a teenager, I was scared," said Gren. "I should have been killed half a dozen times."

He described one of the close calls he had while co-piloting an airplane. Gren said,

"I reached down to adjust the stabilizer, and when I bent down that way the Japanese bullets came crashing through."

Horrific battles and dramatic survivals may seem like events experienced by fearless heroes, but they were part of life for ordinary people fighting in the war. Not every story had a happy ending. Painful memories of war can haunt a person for years.

"For decades I deliberately blocked it from my mind... particularly at night. I would start to cry. I don't do it so much anymore, but they're there - they're ever-present," said Gren.

Three days after Japan surrendered, a C47 plane brought back a group of Americans who had been prisoners of war for 19 months. Gren de-



scribed them as "dressed in rags." They stumbled and shuffled and staggered, because they were so weak, and in some cases, injured. After struggling to walk up two stair steps, they tried their best to stand at attention when they saw the American flag. They said that only two things had kept them alive - faith in God and the symbol of the American flag which they had sketched on the floor every night.

Not every part of World War II was horrible for soldiers. Gren said,

"During the war each of the services were known for their extracurricular activities."

The Army was known for gambling, the Navy for drinking, the Marines for fighting, and the Air Force for

their love of girls.

By late 1945, many soldiers in the Pacific had earned enough points to go home, but there was no way to leave. Finally, Gren was notified that he would be able to get on a flight, but when the plane arrived his name was not on the list. It had been skipped by accident.

"I went back to that flight and I cried. I wanted on that plane so bad. I saw that plane take off... and to this day that plane has not been found," said Gren.



WORLD WAR 2 SURVIVOR, Dr. Jack Gren, between the ages of 17 and 18, stands in front of a twin engine beach craft on April 25th, 1945.

Contributed by: Dr. Jack Gren

## Block schedules gain more credits

Jacob Pleasance  
Reporter

Block schedules allow for students to gain more credits over a year's time than the traditional schedules. Since fewer classes are taken during a term students can concentrate on four to five subject areas rather than seven to eight. Students are also able to take a variety of classes because of the four terms which include internships and other experiences.

Does block scheduling make it easier to learn?

Teachers say it benefits student's because it gives them less classes and more of a chance to learn about the specific class. But it also depends on the student's participation, motivation, and willingness to be challenged.

Have teacher's noticed any improvement in student's grades since the block schedules? Studies have not shown improvement in grades. The block schedules are still fairly new. The school and teachers will continue to pursue methods to increase student achievement. Once again grades

are affected by an attitude towards learning. However, some teacher's say some student's grades have improved. Behavior has been affected by block scheduling.

Due to the longer classes student's have fewer opportunities to be in negative situations during their classes or in the hallways. The block schedule has been shown to decrease poor behavior because of the lack of down-time between classes.

Some disadvantages of the block schedule are that student misses one day, it is like missing two. Also that can cause a student to fall behind quickly.

## First nine week honor roll students

### SENIORS

#### Highest Honors

Leslie Beaman  
James Cox  
Brian Daniels  
Mesha Falkner  
Kylie Fisher  
Gabriel Gardner  
Nicole Maddalone  
Diana McLaughlin  
Mai Nguyen  
Ashley Ohneck  
Donny Putra  
Louise Richardson  
Jaren Schroeder

#### High Honors

Eric Ames  
Anna Burman  
Lindsay Carpenter  
Cory Didrick  
Adam Downey  
Christopher Finkhouse  
David Frank  
Nathan Gladieux  
Kathleen Harness  
Sarah Harter  
Matthew Homan  
Julia Leon  
Marcus Mattem  
Sanbonita Ramsey  
Nicole Richardson  
Peter Ryan  
Elyse Soellinger  
Stephanie Sosenheimer  
Phillip Stein  
Devin Tibbets  
Maggie Tielker  
Brian Walsh  
Kerry White

#### Honors

Mick Ames  
Amber Betz  
Adam Boon  
Andrew Burelison  
Christopher Christen  
Kristin Daub  
Justin Deemer  
Jaime Dickerson  
Brandon Duttaray  
Michael Fudge  
Adrienne Gabet  
Mark Grabner

Jaime Henry  
Shelia Hutchison  
Ciara Jenkins  
Rachel Komanec  
Paul Labrosse  
Stephanie Lemcke  
Nicholas Malone  
Geneva Murdock  
Anthony Racine  
Payne Randle  
Brian Rasor  
Stephen Ratcliff  
Stephanie Roth  
Patrick Ryan  
Willie Smith  
Amber Spangler  
Laura Stalter  
Kimberly Steward  
Cody Strack  
Brandon Tobin  
Thomas Wagner  
Elizabeth Willer  
Ashley Wininger  
Jerry Winston  
Lakisha Woods  
Nicole Zimmerman

### JUNIORS

#### Highest Honors

Emily Anderson  
Elizabeth Bogenschutz  
Errumay Butler  
John Hageman  
Noah Karbach  
Sandar Kyaw  
Shannon Lewandowski  
Candice Lewis  
Amy Lothamer  
Kyle Martinez  
Vanessa Novell  
Laura Null  
Jarrod Perry  
Patricia Rodda  
Danielle Simerman  
Ryan Smethers  
Satsuki Uda

#### High Honors

Ashley Alfeld  
Samuel Battell  
Jennifer Berry  
Michelle Brady  
Amber Brundige  
Catherine Burlage  
Joseph Cohen

Larisa Cruz  
Adam Daniels  
Abigail Demaree  
Whitney Ertel  
Karen Freistroffer  
Monique Goheen  
Nicholas Green  
Amy Gruber  
Nicholas Holle-Staffor  
Stacey Kasischke  
Tiana Kincaide  
Jared Lambart  
Jeannette Makonda  
Rozita Masri  
Trent Parra  
Jonnitta Peevy  
Matthew Pepple  
Matthew Rasor

#### Honors

David Alpin  
Courtney Billings  
Alisha Bochard  
Danae Cartwright  
Demarco Erby  
Jaime Fanning  
Jody Folks  
Lora Gabet  
Christy Gehrig  
Andrew Grizmaker  
Heather Hartman  
Lindsey Heck  
Weston Heeren  
Gregory Helmskamp  
Kina Henderson  
Kathryn Hinga  
Patricia Howard

Salim Hudda  
Nicholas Kam  
Laurie Kemper  
Damien Kuntz  
Samuel Loeffler  
Matthew Madden  
Maria Martinez  
Jason McKee  
Robert McKinzie  
Andreas Milentis  
Laura Myers  
Jamarr Parramore  
Sarah Pepple  
Lindsey Pequignot  
Taryn Perez  
David Ramer  
Chelsea Roth  
Patrick Schroeder

#### Honors

Ryan Beck  
Sarah Brimm  
Brittany Chammess  
Jennifer Church  
Crystal Daugherty  
Matthew Hunkler  
Jeremy Lemcke  
Evanita Montalvo  
Sara Murray  
Peter Nguyen  
James Nichter  
Katelyn Novell  
Stephen Oetting  
Michael Oh  
Natalie Richardson

Sarah Ridenour  
Melinda Snyder  
Travis Spangler  
Chaiyanya Tovikkai  
Anna Vo

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Lauren Akey  
Justin Booth  
Michael Burns  
Micah Churchward  
Amanda Dean  
Nora Didrick  
Danielle Elfrid  
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Erin Hobson  
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Andrea L. Brown  
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Eric Frank  
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Andrew Goheen  
Matthew Grabner  
Richard Halquist  
Leslie Hilton  
Elaina Hughes  
Melissa Huis  
Jesse Leininger  
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Amber Reynolds  
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Tiffany Warren

## Upcoming attractions

December 24th  
Winter Vacation begins

December 25th  
All opens starring Will Smith as the lead role.

December 25th  
Christmas Day

December 31st  
New Year's Eve

January 1st  
New Year's Day

January 3rd  
Olympic torch passes through Fort Wayne

January 7th  
Winter Break ends

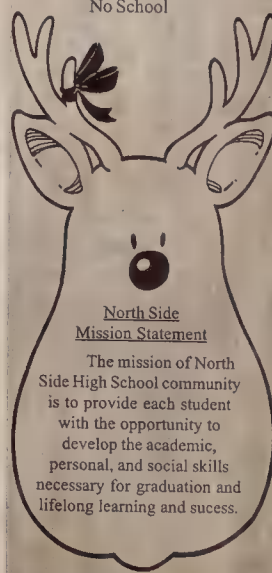
January 11th  
End of Term 2

January 15th  
Faculty Advisory Meeting

January 16th  
One Act Plays @ 7p.m. in the Auditorium

January 18th  
End of Semester-- No School

January 21st  
Martin Luther King Jr. Day -- No School



### North Side Mission Statement

The mission of North Side High School community is to provide each student with the opportunity to develop the academic, personal, and social skills necessary for graduation and lifelong learning and success.

## Quote of the Day

Don't laugh at the youth for his affectations; he's only trying on one face after another till he finds his own.

-Logan Pearsall Smith

December 21, 2001

## Seasonal magic replaced with wisdom



Mel Lauer  
Captain

Something is wrong! Where did it go? The magic and mystery is gone. The tooth fairy, Easter bunny, and dear old Santa Claus teamed up to steal it, and it shall never return the beliefs and fantasies once captured inside the feeble mind of those untouched by harsh realities.

Yeah, that special tingle and that special feeling embraced when the holidays arrive has somehow left. Especially around the month of December, it seems that when looking back on prior years, they are better than current years. What is it that creates such an immense change over a miniscule amount of time?

The anticipation has lessened as visions of sugarplums no longer dance in our heads, but now they limp themselves around in a crazed motion with a cane. There is no snow on the ground to help better the situation. A snowman on the lawn and the Christmas lights glaring off the snow at night would help but no success. The traditions our family had when I was growing up have even vanished.

It is amazing how many differences there are from when I was little. Maybe the differences are not so bad. The naive excitement may have wandered away, but a progressive wisdom is now upon us. There is always going to be change, and it is how the situation is interpreted on whether the change is for the good or bad. No matter what religion, it is still a time of celebration. It is a time for religious celebrations, and for the open-minded, it is time to celebrate and respect others' celebrations as well as our own.

In honor of sharing in the holiday season, I have incorporated traditions from all over the world to expand our wisdom further.

\*In Italy, they have no Christmas trees; instead they decorate small wooden pyramids with fruit.

\*An artificial spider and web are often included in the decorations on Ukrainian Christmas trees. A spider web found on Christmas morning is believed to bring good luck.

\*It is a British Christmas tradition that a wish made while mixing the Christmas pudding will come true only if the ingredients are stirred in a clockwise direction.

\*Sending red Christmas cards to anyone in Japan constitutes bad etiquette, since funeral notices there are customarily printed in red.

\*In Norway on Christmas Eve, all the brooms in the house are hidden, because long ago it was believed that witches and mischievous spirits came out on Christmas Eve and would steal their brooms for riding.

## From the Desk of . . . Reap benefits of positive influences



Jerry Anderson  
Assistant Principal

I am so glad to be at NSHS. This is my 31<sup>st</sup> year as an educator, and my move to North Side has proven to be one filled with great satisfaction. The students and staff are so friendly, and I immediately noticed that I felt welcomed and at home. I have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know everyone and specially the opportunities to meet with students. The first thing I noticed was the number of "thank yous" that I heard. Students voiced their appreciation for a variety of items, and it was particularly noticeable. I want everyone

to know that as a new person to NSHS, I was impressed with the manners and the behavior, and this was even during summer school.

People have asked me how I liked it, and I have responded that I am very happy. I'm happy because students and teachers are working to create the best possible learning environment for students. I appreciate the sense of humor that everyone has and the "fun" that we can have while we pursue a top quality education. Students I have spoken with care about what is going on in their classrooms and in the school. Teachers are passionate about their areas of expertise. The community has overwhelmingly given their support to a multi-million dollar renovation. North Side High School is where I want to be.

I have always loved being in schools. I graduated from Bluffton High School in 1967. Everything we did revolved around the school. I was fortunate to have teachers and a principal who encouraged me to go to college. No one in my family had done so, and the opportunity was scary and yet exciting. I decided early on that I

was going to be a teacher. I went to Ball State, took some classes, and determined that music was where I belonged. I started teaching at Fairfield Jr. High and from there spent years at Wayne HS and Jefferson, Blackhawk, Postage, and Kekionga Middle Schools.

Schools indeed impact the lives of young people, and I am quite sure that the teachers in my life had tremendous influence on my future. I want to do the same. Thus I am writing for *The Northerner* hoping to influence someone. Hoping that if you read that I was the first in my family to go to college that you might believe that you can do the same. Hoping that if you know that I have had a very positive experience at NSHS that you will be proud of your North Side. Hoping that if you are presently "blowing off" your education that you will be influenced to get back on track.

We can influence each other. I no longer have a classroom, but I still teach. I am the choir director at my church, and the relationships that have been

formed through that experience have brought forth influences that are positive in my life. It is interesting to observe how groups of human beings can be positive or negative. What kinds of groups do you "hang" with? You see both kinds at NSHS and frankly everywhere. What kind of an influence are you in the group? When you identify a problem do you offer a workable solution? Be a part of the fix and not a part of the mix. Jump in for your sake and your school's sake and make sure that your education is not compromised. I know that if you had to pay a dollar everyday to walk into this building, you would expect more. Let's work together, having fun, creating the best-prepared students in the world. Your success will influence my future, and selfishly I want the best for both of us. Let's work together to accomplish that. I look forward to working with you.

## Students' schedules stay stressful

Leslie Hilton  
News Editor

Now-a-days students' school days are jam-packed full of activities, because some believe the day just is not long enough. David Butler, sophomore, said,

"So much to do, so little time to do it."

Hectic schedules often result in not receiving enough sleep. Therefore, students may be cranky or fall asleep during classes. Butler said,

"They try to take on too much."

Parents are a very important factor in students having such chaotic school days. Parents often encourage students to take on more activities. They encourage their children to do their very best. Sometimes their very best can be stressful. Some of the additional activities that parents push their children into result in excess un-

needed homework or less time to complete normal everyday school work.

Classes and clubs that students are involved in occasionally require doing activities outside of school. For instance, some activities to be completed outside of school may be shooting photographs or creating and preparing a presentation.

Senior, Paul Robinson, said, "They may want to meet new people."

That is another reason why students involve themselves in many events. Their friends are involved and may suggest they join that particular activity. In a way, students may begin participating due to peer pressure. Some activities include sports, band, clubs, jobs, friends, and religion.

Whatever the reason students are much busier than they used to be. Sophomore, Krystal Langhor, said,

"...No time to think."



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## Payphone prices aggravate users

Katie Klein  
Reporter

To use the payphone here is fifty cents, and not many teens want to pay that much just to use the phone. The price to use the payphone should be decreased to thirty-five cents again. The price of the payphone is outrageous, and no teens should have to pay that much to make one phone call. Maybe the Telephone Company thinks that thirty-five cents is not enough for anyone to pay just to use the telephone. Maybe that is why the price to use the payphone was increased to fifty cents.

More teenagers think that the payphones are too expensive and are not worth using. Jennifer Ikerd, freshman, said,

"I feel that I should not have to pay fifty cents just to use the payphones, and I also feel that no one else should have to pay that much either. I think that the price should be decreased back to thirty-

five cents."

The payphones are too expensive to use, so not many people are going to want to use them. They think that they should not have to pay so much just to use the phone. People view the increase of the price range of the payphones. Therefore, not many more people will want to pay just to use a phone when they could go home to use a phone for nothing or even use a cell phone. All of the payphones here in Fort Wayne have increased. Even the payphones in the school have been raised. Not many of the teenagers are going to want to pay fifty cents just to make a phone call. The price to use the payphone was increased because the Telephone Company was not making enough profit on thirty-five cents. That is most likely the main reason why the Telephone Company decided to raise the price.

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## Off the record...

When event made you realize there is no Santa Claus?



Dale Doerfeller  
Staff

"When we came home from church Christmas Eve and my parents made me stay in the car."



Sarah Mick  
Senior

"There isn't one?....I think my mom told me."



Carrie Clawson  
Junior

"When I saw my parents wrapping my presents when I was six."



Melinda Snyder  
Sophomore

"At my Aunt and Uncle's [house] someone pulled Santa's beard off."



Isaiah Griggs  
Freshman

"When I saw my parents buying my presents."

Photos by: Leslie Hilton



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## FUNNY HOROSCOPES

### AQUARIUS

January 21 - February 19

You will lurk, today. In fact, you'll soon begin work on *How To Lurk*, a best-selling self-help book on the topic.

### PISCES

February 20 - March 20

Today you will suddenly become fascinated by fishing, and you'll spend all your spare time looking at lures and fishing videos.

### ARIES

March 21 - April 20

Today is an excellent day to be loud and annoying!

### TAURUS

April 21 - May 21

You will pass a sign that says "invorp" today. It's Dutch for "put your fingers in your ears and wiggle them."

### GEMINI

May 22 - June 21

Privacy will be an issue today, because a group of tourists will follow you everywhere.

### CANCER

June 22 - July 22

Today you will want to try the old "goat in a box" trick on your new boss. Don't, it will backfire!!

### LEO

July 23 - August 23

It's okay to whistle while you work. Your co-workers will draw the line at yodeling while you work, however.

### VIRGO

August 24 - September 23

Today you will be granted a religious experience similar to the accounts of statues of the Virgin Mary weeping. In this case, however, she will sneeze.

### LIBRA

September 24 - October 23

You will hear a "whapping" sound as you are passing by a church today. To your relief, it will only be the nuns, playing a quick game of doge-ball.

### SCORPIO

October 24 - November 23

Someone named "Bob" is plotting to whap you with a lily today. Don't let him!!

### SAGITTARIUS

November 24 - December 23

You will accidentally discover why so many different things "taste like chicken." It's because they ARE chickens, in clever disguises.

### CAPRICORN

December 24 - January 23

Today is noodle day, so go out and have fun!

## Important semi-formal dos and don'ts

Andrea Brown  
Reporter

Picking, deciding, calling, buying, ordering, arranging, reserving, scheduling, worrying, and hoping all for one night. Semi-formal comes once a year, and it stands as the only time every student in the school may dance the night away together.

Expectations have arisen from both genders here at North Side on what are whose responsibilities. The following results came from a first lunch survey.

Guys, you are in charge of this:  
• Asking...you cannot expect a girl to do something that risky!

• Paying...yes for everything, the tickets, the corsage, the transportation, the meal, the pictures (at least half), and the after enjoyment.

• Finding...partially, the girls will take care of dinner reservations, but you should be in charge of producing a way to get there.

• Matching...most guys will opt to wear black and white, but that is not what the gals are looking for. If she wears purple, your cummerbund and accessories should also be purple, and please the same shade.

• Looking...presentable. Pictures are worth a thousand words and who wants them to begin with, "Sloppy, messy, or careless?" Your female date does not. Do it for her.

• Staying...by her side and not disappearing. She did not come with a date to be alone half of the night. Plus, those heels are very hard to walk in, she will need you to hold her up.

• Opening...the car, restaurant, and any other doors you come across. Just be a gentleman!

• Delivering...this is a huge night for a female. Guyeasily shrug off the event, but a woman remembers each semi-formal forever. Make it memorable, and let it flow smoothly; it will be over before you know it.

• Entertaining...yourself. The girl will have tons of fun socializing with



friends and commenting everyone's beautiful dresses while you sit there and act like you hate the place. When you do that it dims her night. Also, you do not have to be *Mr. Tough Guy* because it is obvious that you at least want to be there a little bit.

Now, what the girl's are in charge of:

• Finding...that perfect dress. Yes, there are so many breath-taking dresses out there and each new one you see, you fall in love with more, but do not worry, that *one* will reveal itself.

• Scheduling...your hair, your nails, and your tanning sessions. Most likely the dinner reservations as well, just to make sure it gets done.

• Having...a night to remember always. It goes by fast so have your time with friends. You never know when you will see them dressed up again.

• Paying...maybe for half of the pictures and your date's boutonniere. That will make it kind of equal.

• Making...the night memorable for your date as well. The girl will naturally enjoy the evening, but the guy could use some help.

With Semi-formal almost a month away be sure to use your peer's suggestions to make that special night the best.

## Is school really safe for students?

Diana Flores  
Reporter

One of the most important concerns that a school should have is safety. Most schools have police on duty or surveillance cameras set up to watch every step made by students and staff members. From school bombing to school shooting, now days it is important to make sure that children are safe in their schools environment. Do students feel safe at school? Also what do the parents think about their children's school environment?

For the first year, North Side has it's own police on duty Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 2:35 p.m. Sometimes during lunch modes, there are several other officers that patrol around the grounds. We also have cameras set up all over the building inside and out. Some students do not think much about school safety but others seem to have a great interest in it.

Although students are not the only ones concerned about school safety but so are parents.

"Schools are not safe any more," said Anita Barrera, single mother of a high school teenager.

Barrera says and believes that schools are not safe any more, since the school bombings and shootings that have happened the past years. Now, no matter if children attend public schools or private schools, they may still not be safe.

The school environment should be like a second home to students. Students should feel safe and not afraid of anything while at school. To help make our school a safe environment it does not mean we must have all the high class security devices, but it simply means we must work together and standing tall no matter what situation may come pass.



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## Santa lights up downtown

Leslie Hilton  
News Editor

Annual holiday traditions of watching the lighting of the Santa and his sleigh hanging downtown on the National City Bank building, illuminate the eyes of young spectators. However, few know the his-

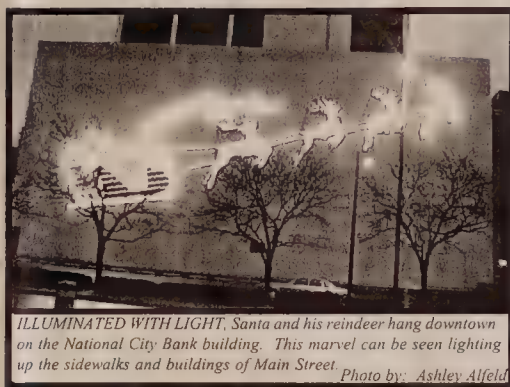
tory behind the ritual. Scott Eubanks, junior, said, "It's tradition..."

The large Santa display, which weighs five and one half tons, originally hung on the seven story Wolf & Dessauer department store building which was then located on the corner of Calhoun Street and

Washington Boulevard.

The display takes two to three days, using a crane, to hang on the National City Bank building. During the 1940s and 1950s it required eighteen men and five to six days to install the 155-foot long sign.

Santa and his glowing reindeer hung from 1940 until 1958. In 1979, however, the long forgotten Santa Claus was discovered in a warehouse. Santa was placed in the warehouse because Wolf & Dessauer's new four-story building was too small to accommodate the size of the large display. Volunteers from the community restored sleigh and all. Then in 1980, a long past holiday tradition that was once anticipated by youngsters was renewed. The Wolf & Dessauer nostalgia has hung downtown ever since. In 1999, it was restored and a number of the 24,717 light sockets were replaced. During the restoration the wooden frame was reinforced with lightweight aluminum. The treasured recollection will remain even if the icon of past Christmases does not. Eubanks said, "It's a part of our history."



ILLUMINATED WITH LIGHT, Santa and his reindeer hang downtown on the National City Bank building. This marvel can be seen lighting up the sidewalks and buildings of Main Street. Photo by: Ashley Alfeld

## Battle of the shopping centers

Diana Flores  
Reporter

Shopping season is here, and Christmas is right around the corner. This is the busiest shopping season ever. Some people like to get their holiday shopping done early in the year, so that way they will not have to bother with crowded stores or pushy people. But the question is where is all the shopping going on?

Now it looks as if Glenbrook has a little competition going on with the newly built mall, Jefferson Pointe located on West Jefferson by Apple Glen Shopping Center. Jefferson Pointe's grand opening was August 11, 2001, although since then there have been many more stores added to the mall. Not only are people going for the shopping but also for the elegant restaurants that Jefferson Pointe has to offer. Just recently built was a new theater, "The Rave," which offers 18 movie screens, big nice comfortable seats with surround-sound speakers.

"Jefferson Pointe has

very nice stores," said Ashley Martin, sophomore.

Martin went to shop at Jefferson Pointe at its grand opening and was surprised by the beautiful scenery and huge stores. But there has been some talk about how Jefferson Pointe is much more expensive than Glenbrook. Also some say since Jefferson Pointe is located far

west, that in the winter time the business may slow down due to the people not wanting to drive so far or shop outside Pointe in bad weather conditions.

Although some Glenbrook customers have been shopping at Jefferson Pointe lately, Glenbrook is not planning on giving up without a fight. Recently Glenbrook put up a new marquee to add a more professional look to the shopping atmosphere.

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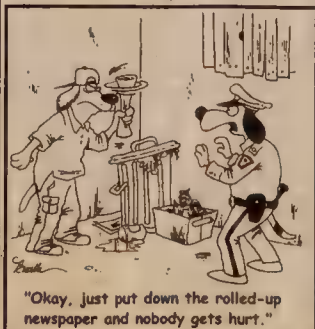
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### Skewed Views



"Okay, just put down the rolled-up newspaper and nobody gets hurt."



When fish bungee jump



December 21, 2001



Payne

By Payne Randle  
Reporter

Discrimination is something that is detrimental to the world today. One problem is it comes from so many people in so many ways. Racial discrimination is something that has been around about as long as, if not longer than, sexual discrimination. Sexual discrimination is the discrimination of a person due to their sex or sexual preference.

The world of women's sport has come great lengths compared to where it was just ten years ago. Today there are women's professional leagues for sports such as basketball, soccer, tennis, golf, etc. However women do not make as much as men (money) as men do, and they usually have to work another job. What they do, however, is for the love of their respective sport.

Most of the young ladies probably had to take much discrimination from coaches, usually male, who would not let them try out or even play for a team, for which they were so qualified. Discrimination like this would never happen at North, right? Discrimination like this only happened in the 50's, right? Wrong.

This type of discrimination is happening at North right about...now. Sophomore, Stephanie Fischer has the ambition to wrestle at 103 lbs. There is no wrestler at that weight; she has the same opportunity as any male would who weighed 103, right?

Not exactly, well actually no. Fischer took her desire to wrestle to head wrestling coach Ryan Mohrman told her no, because she is a girl. It takes no rocket scientist or brain surgeon to figure out it was raw, uncut, pure, unadulterated discrimination against a young lady who just wanted to participate in a school activity.

Many of the wrestlers did not mind the idea of a female wrestler and most welcomed the thought. Some, who shall remain nameless, thought Mohrman was being unjust in not allowing the young lady to even try out for the team.

Most wrestlers thought it would be nice to have a female, especially when the team goes to big tournaments, where female wrestlers are not an oddity.

Fischer then brought her case to Athletic Director, Dale Doerflinger, who gave no help. Fischer pursued information and was told because she has begun cheerleading that she could not wrestle. Fischer was also informed that her parents would need to sign forms just so she could wrestle.

How many male athletes would have needed forms signed just to quit one sport for another. Would a male athlete need forms signed to quit baseball to run track? Nahhh!

There is no discussion on whether or not this young lady was discriminated against, but the conversation needs to be over why. How could this happen at the North? Have we not evolved from centuries ago when only white men ruled the country? Nahhh!

All people no matter race, gender, age, should be treated equally, right? Now say yes because it sounds nice, and because it is the proper thing to say.

People should stick up for their rights as well as the rights of others. Wrongdoing and corrupt ruling needs to be corrected for us to prosper as a school, city, state, and as a nation. Because no matter what anybody says, this is a free country...partly.

Do not get the wrong idea about me. I am just callin' trumps trumps

## Wrestling: high school's most demanding sport

Andrea D. Brown  
Reporter

To grasp the sweet taste of victory, wrestlers risk the unknown as they drive their still-developing bodies to the extreme. The pain shed when the hopeful outcome refuses to present itself may stand greater for these young men as they pour every ounce of themselves onto the mat in the form of sweat, tears, and poundage.

The sport of wrestling matches physical condition with flexibility and strength while placing the athletes into weight classes.

"I want to be at the lowest possible weight class to win. It's an advantage over the other guy, because you're stronger," said junior, Gralan Early.

To remain in their weight class of choice, wrestlers face the unwanted solution of "cutting weight." Strict diets, lack of water, harsh, hour-upon-hour workouts, and steamy sauna visits assist wrestlers in losing that necessary poundage before weigh-in times, that are now only one hour before the first match. Some wrestlers stick to the hard traditional methods of weight loss while others sway between life and death as they mix all options including a now illegal rubber body suit.

College wrestlers, coaches, and National College Athletic Association (NCAA) guideline board members reevaluated their decisions as three wrestlers, just in the space of 31 days, died while working out. One died from cardiac arrest, one from a heat stroke, and the third from kidney failure and heart malfunction. All three men were under the supervision of a

diac arrest, one from a heat stroke, and the third from kidney failure and heart malfunction. All three men were under the supervision of a

tered for around 10 years. Now rubber body suits, saunas, and diuretics are illegal, weigh-ins are one hour before the first match, exercise rooms are no longer allowed to be any higher



PINNING COMPETITION to the mat, junior, Gralan Early defeats a wrestler from Wayne. Early is off to a great start suffering only one loss so far this season, and remaining undefeated in the SAC.

photo by: Andrea D. Brown

coach, all working in heated workout rooms, all previously in saunas, and all wearing rubber body suits.

In the demanding and not always so luxurious world of sports, to some athletes there is no stopping. With scholarships, pride, and determination on their minds, the sky is the limit. In the case of these three men six feet below ground was their limit.

"The boys listen to the coaches sometime more than they listen to their moms," said Claudia Larosa, a mother of one of the fallen wrestlers.

After the third college wrestling death, the NCAA changed some rules that had been left unal-

than 79 degrees, and a seven pound difference is allowed for each weight class.

Six pounds in one day, 4 1/2 pounds in four hours, 17 pounds in four days, 8 pounds in two days, and the list goes on of the deathly attempts wrestlers endure to stay down at a specific weight.

Early studies wrestling nutri-

tion and values his health over winning. Because of his values, he did not lose enough to get back down to the necessary weight parameters and was forced to forfeit the 119-weight class at a recent tournament. There he faced what every wrestler fears—moving up a class. Wrestling a state ranked 125-pounder, the most common wrestling theory was proven right as Early was defeated 1-0.

Senior, Brandon Brenner, agrees with the rule changes but



feels the coaches should play a stronger role in an athlete's decision.

"Wrestlers are still going to use rubber suits and crazy workout plans unless the coaches get in and do something about it. Coaches should check in on wrestlers and educate them of the dangers they're doing to their body," said senior, Brandon Brenner.

The changing rules may save a few lives, but it is still left up to the athlete to control that desire and know just how far he can push himself.

## Bowling their way to personal heights

Christina Lauer  
News Editor

Pressure is on as both opponents stand up to the plate of each lane. Heavy breathing and concentration fills the air as each bowler takes his position.

North Side bowlers are hard at work as the bowling season begins to unravel. The enthusiastic members pick up new goals and more confidence.

Second year bowler, sophomore, Raina Lyons said,

"My goals for this season are to pick most of my spares, pay attention to the mistakes I make, and try to accomplish more strikes."

Lyons' highest score from last year was one hundred and sixty-seven. Even though Lyons is not satisfied with this accomplishment, this is still a great score for a beginning bowler. On the other hand, freshman Cassandra Desmonds, a bowler with nine years of experience, has had a high score of two hundred and seventy-nine with nine strikes in a row.

Although, Desmonds seemed to be very proud of her high score. She admits that there are some things she should put more focus into like her new goals for this season. Desmonds said,

"My goals for this season are to be top in the high school for series (meaning highest in two games) and games (meaning highest game in girls league). Also to keeping mental game and not getting frustrated. My last goal is to be a team and have a good attitude."

Naturally, a lot of Desmond's team member say that she is an excellent player and is considered one of the best players on the team. With this in mind, Desmonds said,

"I'm feeling really good that people think so highly of me, but I would not say that I am one of the best players on the team. I just try hard to be the best that I can be."

The bowling club is starting out with a tight grip on their goals whether they win with the same integrity is up to them.

## Performance outweighs small numbers

Blane Pressler  
Reporter

When the word sports is mentioned, gymnastics is not one of the first to come to mind. It is a sport sometimes overlooked here at North Side. Though the team is not known for being the best, they do try hard and perform to the best of their abilities.

The team is very small, but it used to be fairly large. The hallways around the gym are covered with photos of outstanding teams of the past. The North Side gymnastics team appears on the wall seven times. The team was SAC champs for several years and placed high in state, regional, and sectionals.

Though the team is smaller and has changed a bit, they try equally as hard. This year the team is off to an excellent start. Very few members of last year's team will be returning. Elizabeth Bogenschütz, junior, will

be one of the returning varsity gymnasts.

Last year, the team took many losses and very few wins, but the team has high hopes for this year's season. Last year, the girls did not have very many members compared to past years, and this year is not too different.

Though the team is small, they hope to do their best as a team. The last photo to be placed on one of the gym hall's walls was for the 1984-1985 season. That year North Side was the SAC champs. Maybe this year, North Side can go all the way once again.

Coach Ron Weiss is returning this year to coach the girls through another season. The team is receiving a



new assistant coach, Amy Archer, to replace last year's assistant, Shelly Panning.

North Side supports the team in their effort to do their best. Wishes of good luck are with the girls this year as they start a new season.

## Upcoming Sports Events

Friday, December 21

Var B Basketball @ Wayne 6:15 P.M.  
Var G Basketball @ Wayne 8:00 P.M.

Wednesday, December 26

Res B Basketball Reserve Tourney  
@ East Noble 9:00 A.M.

Thursday, December 27

Fresh B Basketball vs. East Noble/  
Hornstead/Lan  
@ East Noble 9:00 A.M.

Friday, December 28

Var Wrestling @ Connersville 8:30 A.M.

Saturday, December 29

V Wrestling @ Connersville 8:00 A.M.

Wednesday, January 2

Fresh/Res/Var Basketball @ Huntington  
North 6:30 P.M.  
Var/Res B/G Swimming vs. Carroll  
@ South Side Pool 6:30 P.M.

Thursday, January 3

Var/Res Wrestling @ Dwenger 6:30 P.M.

Saturday, January 5

Var Wrestling vs. Concordia/Harding/  
Wayne @ Harding 9:00 A.M.  
Res G Basketball Reserve Tourney  
@ NS Main Gym 9:00 P.M.

Monday, January 7

Var B/G Swimming  
@ Adams Central 6:30 P.M.  
Var/Res G Gymnastics @ East Noble

Tuesday, January 8

Fresh/Res/Var G Basketball  
@ Dwenger 6:15 P.M.

Thursday, January 10

Fresh/Res B Basketball vs. Elmhurst  
@ NS 6:15 P.M.  
Fresh/Res G Basketball  
@ Elmhurst 6:15 P.M.

Friday, January 11

Var G/B Basketball vs. Elmhurst @ NS  
6:15 P.M. 6:00 P.M.

Tuesday, January 15

Fresh B Basketball vs. Luers @ NS 6:15 P.M.

Wednesday, January 16

Fresh B Basketball @ Warsaw 6:30 P.M.  
Var/Res Girls Gymnastics vs. Dwenger  
@ NS 6:30 P.M.

Thursday, January 17

Var Wrestling SAC Meet @ Snider  
Fresh/Res B Basketball  
@ South Side 6:15 P.M.  
Fresh/Res G Basketball vs. South  
Side  
@ NS 6:15 P.M.

Friday, January 18

Var/Res B/G Swimming  
@ South Side 6:30 P.M.

Friday, January 19

Var B/G Basketball  
@ South Side 6:15 8:00 P.M.

Saturday, January 19

Var Wrestling SAC Meet  
@ Snider 8:30 A.M.  
Var G Gymnastics Cater Classic  
@ CLHS 11:30 A.M.

Tuesday, January 22

Var/Res B/G Swimming vs.  
Northrop @ Concordia @ South Side  
Pool 3:45 P.M.

Wednesday, January 23

Var/Res G Gymnastics vs. CLHS  
@ NS 6:30 P.M.

Thursday, January 24

Res/Fresh B Basketball vs.  
Northrop  
@ NS 6:15 P.M.  
Res/Fresh G Basketball vs.  
Northrop  
@ NS 6:15 P.M.

Var G Gymnastics @ Wayne 6:30 P.M.



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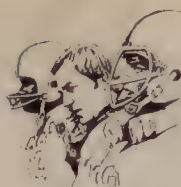
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**Opinion**- Experience the wonders of Christmas in Mexico.



**Features**- When suntans are desired, artificial tanning beds are the solution but not always the best.



**Sports**- Sports managers are as much a part of the team as the players, but they receive little or no acknowledgement.

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## Consequences result in dress code checks

Katie Klein  
Reporter

tain expectations of them."

The first offense of the dress code check is a warning and the student's name will be recorded, the second offense will be a Wednesday School, and the third offense is suspension with a parent conference. Students can refer to page twelve in the Planner for the policy. After having more than three offenses, there will be a parent conference if the student failed to comply to the dress code. Students can avoid being in the dress code check and having penalties by adhering to the dress policy. Laura Taliaferro, Principal, said,

"I would like for the students to come to school to learn and not dress the way that they do."

There is a process that there are different consequences, like the first offense is a warning, the second one is a Wednesday school, and the third is a suspension. Parents may not be very happy with that. The administrative staff has been discussing having dress code checks for while now. The staff feels that when students enter NSHS, the students should be dressed appropriately.

Disciplinary consequences will result when students fail to comply to the dress code. There will be periodically an unannounced dress code check. The administrative staff puts out an announcement for a dress code check. Frank Yeranko, Assistant Principal, said,

"The reason that there is dress code checks is for progressive discipline."

There have been discussions about wearing uniforms, but no one has really decided on it. If there is going to be a change on wearing uniforms, it will not be because of inappropriate clothes. It would be the school's decision on if there is a chance of the students wearing uniforms. A decision will not be made without parents being notified about it. The administrative staff decided on dress code checks. The staff has a meeting weekly to discuss different things. Last week the staff discussed dress code checks and decided to have one. Yeranko said,

"It is just an attempt to let students know that we have cer-

## Store opens with a bang

Christina Lauer  
News Editor

Marketing teacher, Susan Shutta said,

"The students worked really hard through out the semester but it all came together within to weeks prior to the opening."

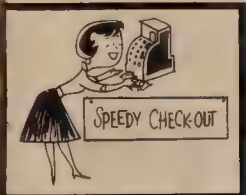
Class of 1944 took pleasure in donating most of the money for the school store while North Side donated the rest of the money. Speaking of money the school store made over four-hundred dollars in four days. Even though the store seems to be doing really well they plan on getting new products like keychains, cups, ID holders, and more clothing is a possibility.

According to Shutta the school store will probably be around for quit a while. Shutta said, "The school store seems to be a good thing it seems like its something the students really want."

If school spirit is needed by any student check out the schools store for all kinds of North Side stuff.

Cha-ching, the sound of hard earned money goes into the school store's money drawer. While the smell of fresh baked cookies tickles the noses of hungry students as they walk past room one hundred and seventeen, the destination of the school store.

The production of the school



store was the hard work of North Side's DECA Marketing class. Deca took almost a whole semester to make arrangements for the store but Deca



PROFITS ARE MADE in the school store, located in room 117, in the morning before school. The school store sells snacks, shirts and much more. Brandon Tobin, senior, is running the school store for the DECA program by generously donating his spare time in order to benefit the school.

photo by: Leslie Hilton

## Nita Auer wins award

Andrea D. Brown  
Reporter

Often ignored from public recognition, select teachers have their night to shine as News Channel 33 and Centennial Wireless present the "Excellence in Education" award. Awarded annually for their leading roles, chart-topping records, or plays of the week, celebrities light up the stages of the Oscars, the Grammys, and the ESPYS. January 16, 2002, a less famous stage lights as eight area teachers are presented the "Jack and Joan Caffray Award" at Sycamore Hills Country Club.

Identifying teachers as the true heroes of America, Instant Copy of Indiana owner, Jack Caffray, decided

he wanted a way to recognize "the teachers of our children." By 1984, after the help of his wife, Joan Caffray, and then Instant Copy employee, Chris Svarekopf, now a teacher here at North, the award seal was complete.

Now, in the award's eighteenth year, among the eight exemplary teachers of the Fort Wayne area is Health/Physical Education teacher, Nita Auer.

With her name in the program booklet, Auer values being placed next to such legendary teachers as former Industrial Technology teacher, Jon Bill, Math teacher, Bob Lovell, Band instructor, Edward King, II, Math teacher, Gene Merkle, former World Geography teacher, Orvil Schlatter, and former Science teacher, Mark Tipple to name a few.

"After working with certain teachers I've always admired them and to have my name placed beside them...it's just a huge honor," said Auer.

Receiving a phone call one day, a somewhat familiar voice revealed herself as North

Side alumna and NBC-33 employee, Patty Martone, released the prestigious information. Martone congratulated Auer as being one of the three elite teachers chosen from the Fort Wayne Community Schools as a recipient of the 'Jack and Joan Caffray Excellence in Education' award.

With new and exciting opportunities developing daily, the Caffrays hope to honor that indescribable bit of change teachers have in a student's life.

### North Side Mission Statement

The mission of North Side High School community is to provide each student with the opportunity to develop the academic, personal, and social skills necessary for graduation and lifelong learning and success.



PASSING IT ALONG: the Olympic torch is passed onto the next member of the Olympic torch relay. Although the temperatures were very cold when the torch passed through Fort Wayne supporters still made it out to witness the rare event

photo by: Leslie Hilton

## Olympic torch provides memorable experience

Leslie Hilton  
News Editor

torchbearers was North Side's Paul Robinson, senior. Robinson said,

"I'm honored because not everybody gets to do it." Robinson was nominated to carry the torch in an essay contest with Coca-Cola. His mother's winning essay was about how much she loves him.

The last stop along the way was at Headwater's Park. When the torch arrived it immediately made its way to the cauldron where the flame was transferred. The park was set up similar to the Junk Food Alley during the Three Rivers Festival. Despite the cold, rash temperatures, many diligent fans were there to support their country and city.

The rare and breathtaking experience was a success in the eyes of the city. The crowds cheered and followed the torch along the route. Megan Oetting, freshman, said,

"It was an awesome experience."

## Computer abuse results in shut down

Katie Klein  
Reporter

opportunity to use them."

The students are very lucky to access the computers for research and should use the computers in the appropriate manner. The computer lab in the Media Center is very busy. The students use the computers to send personal emails, game manuals, and looking at websites. Patton said,

"I feel that if the students can use the computers that they should use them appropriately."

If students can use the computers then they should use the computers appropriately. The computers are just as valuable as anything here at NSHS, and the computers need to be used properly. Students think that they are able to use the computers for whatever they want, but the students can only use the computers for research and schoolwork that is needed. Patton said,

"If the students can't use the computers properly then they do not need to use them at all."

Computers are being abused for reasons that are not appropriate. The computers are available for research only. Students feel that because the computers are available to them that the computers can be used for anything. Erin Patton, Media Teacher, said,

"I think that the computers should not be abused because they are such wonderful tools for the students to use." The biggest problem that the students are using the computers for is sending personal emails. The reason why the computers are only supposed to be used for research is because the library computers have had a virus that shut down the whole computer system. Patton said,

"The computers are a nice thing to use and the students should be glad that they have the

## Upcoming attractions

JANUARY 26TH  
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JANUARY 26TH  
SAT TEST @ NORTH SIDE

JANUARY 30TH  
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## Quote of the Day

"Do not choose to be wrong for the sake of being different."

-Lord Samuel

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## Tomorrow may bring a new tide



Melinda Lauer  
Head Honcho

Could life get any harder? My guess is yes. Life just seems to be a never-ending clash of perils. It is as though no matter how many good occurrences there happen to be, the bad ones are always protruding and interrupting the valuable ones. Sure they may be an experience to learn from, but why do all of the headaches and hideous feelings always conquer the good moments?

The head twisting torment seems to approach during high school. For varieties of students, similar problems occur at different times. Time is consumed worrying about boyfriends/girlfriends, grades, sports, friends, work, and/or home life. It may be all at once or one-by-one with a variety of combinations.

I have learned so much in the past four years that I would not change any event for the world. Tom Hanks said something in a movie that I think is wonderful advice. Take from it what you want, but please take it to heart.

"...I was never going to get off that island. I was going to die there totally alone. I was afraid I was going to get sick or injured or something. The only choice I had, the only thing I could control was when and how and where that was going to happen, so I made rope and I went up to the summit to hang myself...had to test it, you know, of course you know me and the weight of the log snapped the limb of the tree. I couldn't even kill myself the way I wanted to. I had power over nothing. That's when this feeling came over me like a warm blanket. I knew somehow that I had to stay alive somehow I had to keep breathing, even though there was no reason to hope and all my logic said I would never see this place again. So that's what I did I stayed alive, I kept breathing and one day that logic was proven all wrong because the tide came in and gave me a sail and now here I am. I'm back in Memphis talking to you. I have ice in my glass, and I've lost her all over again. I'm so sad that I don't have Kelly. I'm so grateful that she was with me on that island, and I know what I have to do now. I gotta keep breathing because tomorrow the sun will rise. Who knows what the tide will bring?" *Castaway*. Dir. Robert Zemeckis. Twentieth Century Fox, 2001.

As I watched him say these words I felt like I had just heard the answer to life. It felt like it all made sense, and my problems were not as important as they once were. I can now sum up life in three little words: it goes on.

As I sign off, I remind you to keep breathing, because who knows what the tide may bring.

Don Wiley  
Social Studies Teacher

Hello—greetings from room 226. I've been asked to share what is on my mind for this article, and that is proving to be more difficult than I expected. I have so much to talk about...and rant about.

Things are going pretty well for me. I'm really enjoying my second year here at North Side. I'm teaching World History and Psychology right now, and those classes are going great. I'll be teaching Government next term, and I'm really looking forward to it. I'm helping coach the Freshman Boys Basketball team, which is doing very well. I'm also looking forward to coaching the JV Softball team this spring. We should have a pretty good team.

My daughter just turned one on New Year's Eve, she's starting to walk and tear up everything near her. My wife and I are having a good time watching her develop as she gets older, and it seems like every day she picks up something new. Very soon she'll be saying her first "real" words. She can say "DaDa" and "MaMa" now, and when she

eats something she really likes, like banana-applesauce or a vanilla wafer, she goes "YumYum" repeatedly.

I could write this entire article on my daughter, because she is the coolest kid in the world. But I'd rather use the remaining space to teach, because, well, that's my job. Thinking about my daughter just learning to talk makes me think of the way a lot of students at North Side



FIGURE IT OUT:  
Don Wiley believes students should learn proper behavior in high school. It may be too late to learn 15 years later.

Photo by:  
Christina Lauer

talk. No offense, but I hope she never says some of the words I hear in the halls here at North Side.

Now, don't get me wrong. I'm not the most innocent person in the world. I have been known to drop a curse word or two in my time. In fact, depending on the group I'm with, I'll cuss like an angry sailor. But that's the thing that I think some students miss about language and

behavior. How you act and speak depends on the situation.

Take for instance a holiday dinner at my parents' house with all my family at the table. After we say the blessing, I ask that somebody "pass the &#36;#36; mashed potatoes." Hopefully everyone reading this agrees that cursing at the family dinner table would be inappropriate. Or maybe at

tion where you should be focusing on the task at hand, and you shouldn't be acting like you were at home just hanging out with your friends. If you are in the hallway, you could be disrupting a class while you're walking by busting out the newest Ja-Rule track. There is a time and place for everything, and school is not the place for profanity. It is definitely the wrong time. Act how you want when you get out of the school, but when you are in here, make the atmosphere conducive to learning.

If you can't do that, you might be in for some problems later in life. There is a certain approach you need to use when interviewing for a job. There is a certain way to speak while working in a professional setting. The time you master these skills for the rest of your life is now! Don't wait until you're 30-years-old working the night shift at Taco Bell before you figure this out. Prepare yourself now. Practice the skills now that you will use forever. If you don't, I'll take a Burrito Supreme. Thank you, drive-thru.

## Out of the Blue

There is a UFO sighting reported every three minutes.



## 2001 holds events to be remembered

Blane Pressler  
Reporter

Media, entertainment, and news are a few of the elements that 2001 was made of. Every year new movies, music, and news come to the public through the radio, television, Internet, and much more. This year's big news happened on September 11, when Bin Laden and his followers attacked the United States. Those events did not only effect New York, but the rest of the country. In the news, people saw the Trade Centers fall, a nation come under attack, and the beginning of a war. There was an energy crisis in California and all of this happened during President Bush's first year in office.

Taxpayers received a tax rebate of up to six hundred dollars. Many events are covered in the news, but many are covered repeatedly. Reporters in television, newspapers, and magazines covered stories like Congressmen Gary Condit, and the disappearance of his intern Chandra Levy.

Last year dealt with money, much like every year. Gas prices went skyward and slowly came back down. Movies always make money, as well as music and other media items. The real big story for money intake was the

Red Cross, bringing in more money than needed giving the Red Cross a chance to help so many affected families by the September 11 incident.

In entertainment it began with the Superbowl half time show when Aerosmith, N'SYNC, Britney Spears, Nelly, among others performed on stage together. The ensemble was not one that too many people would expect especially with pop performers like Spears and N'SYNC performing an Aerosmith song.

In movies, it was a year for remakes and sequels, remakes like *Planet of the Apes* and *Oceans 11* did well at the box office. Several sequels were released in the summer: films like *American Pie 2*, *Scary Movie 2*, *Hannibal*, and *Rush Hour 2*.

Although there was money making and glamour in Hollywood, there was a lot of sorrow. Racecar driver Dale Earnhardt died on the track during a fatal car wreck during a race. R&B singer Aaliyah was killed in a plane crash in August, along with many of her dancers and other crewmembers. Other celebrities like Mariah Carey and Robert Downey, Jr. were rehabilitated for addiction and depression among other things.

A year holds many events; it is hard to describe 2001 in a nutshell. Mentioning everything would be impossible. The country dealt with money, media, and terrorism. 2001 is a year not to be forgotten.



SIGHTS AND SYMBOLS of 2001 will last. This includes fire fighters, famous deaths, and hit movies. Collage by Blane Pressler

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## Mexico goes all out for holidays

Diana Flores  
Reporter

In Mexico, ten hours away from the boarder, lies a little pueblo (town) named Suchil, which is located in the State Durango. Walking or driving down the pueblo's streets in December, lights of red, green and white representing the Christmas holiday are in sight. The pueblo is the most beautiful sight at night, with all the lights hung around different stores and the people getting prepared for the New Year right around the corner. The only thing missing is snow falling to the ground. Although all the town's people know that snow is out of the question they do not let that keep them out of the holiday spirit. The coldest Durango will get in December is around 55 degrees, and as soon as the sun sets a jacket is necessary. Outside and inside due to all of the houses being made out of cement.

Many nationalities celebrate the holiday season in many different ways. The American way is by having a huge feast followed by opening presents by the big beautiful Christmas tree. Mexico celebrates Christmas a little different, but both America and Mexico know what the real meaning of the holiday is. December 24, which is Christmas Eve to the American eye, is La Noche Buena (The good night) to Mexicans. It is a night where the people take time to go to mass and remember the night when mother Mary was preparing to give birth to Jesus. Mexicans celebrate by having a huge feast in the yard consisting of all the major foods. The food ranges from tacos to enchiladas, and of course music is a big part of the huge celebration. Some families go out all the way and have a mariachi band to play music at the festival all night. If not a mariachi band, then several music choices are played by stereo as the people laugh and celebrate La Noche Buena. They dress up in their best clothes and wear the

best jewelry they have to show off. Some wash their outfit a day ahead so the clothes dry in time for the celebration, because there are no washers and dryers in some households. Clothes and dishes are washed outside. Also, the woman of the house makes sure to use her best silverware even if it is not much. The celebration goes on all night preparing for Christmas Day that follows.

On Christmas Day the families hurry to the stores to get the special ingredients to make several dishes for the feast ahead later on in the night. It is important to go to the store and get the ingredients needed as soon as possible because the stores are very over crowded due to parties and household celebrations held at night. A feast is held at night, but as big as a feast held the night before. The women usually sit around and gossip as the men drink and get ready for the dance afterwards.

Later on in the night as the people get ready to dance the night away there is a time of silence for everyone to just sit and think of all they have to be thankful for, even if it is not much to be thankful for. As the women get all dressed up the men take a couple more drinks, and then they are all ready to celebrate. Dancing is everything to Mexicans, it is a way of expressing themselves and enjoying the holidays.

From experience of traveling to Mexico and looking at the differences between America and Mexico it is found that we have all we need and want, and we still take it for granted. If only some Americans knew how good we have it made. Mexico is a poor country, but yet for the holiday season they take all they have and make the best out of it.

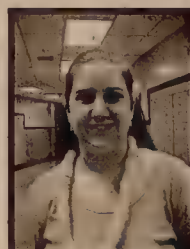
Off the record....

If you could be a superhero who would you be and why?



Sarah Lowe  
Staff

"New York City firemen, because they're heroes in my book."



Anna Burman  
Senior

"Wonder Woman, because she has the coolest costume."



Kyle Martinez  
Junior

"Super elastic swimming lady, so I could tap out before the other swimmers."



Chris Baltes  
Sophomore

"The Silver Streak, so that I could surf anywhere I wanted to."



Tori Wilkins  
Freshman

"I would be able change myself into someone else in order to see if people are talking about me."

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## FUNNY HOROSCOPES

### AQUARIUS

Go find something flat, and scribble on it. People have been doing that for tens of thousands of years, and it's mostly been okay.

### PISCES

Today that bad smell coming from the closet will get stronger. It's now time to investigate.

### ARIES

Good day to let sleeping dogs lie. After all, the poor things seem to be completely exhausted.

### TAURUS

You have as much chance of having a decent day today as you have of developing telekinetic abilities that let you give innocent passers-by a wedgie.

### GEMINI

Time to develop new friendships, and possibly get a new hair style.

### CANCER

This week you will feel like corn. Just not like buying any.

### LEO

Today you should abandon your pale, pierced friends with the clever haircuts and move to Minnesota.

### VIRGO

You will stack furniture in the bathtub, today. That's just the sort of thing you would do, your friends will say.

### LIBRA

Today you will join the ranks of the political action group "Whiners For Peace", and will call up your senator's office and whine at them.

### SCORPIO

Today is an excellent day to take a nice long nap.

### SAGITTARIUS

Today you will have to take someone aside and gently explain to them that a "briefcase" is not actually for undergarments.

### CAPRICORN

Life is beginning to get a bit stale, isn't it? Whenever that happens you should concoct a prune-related recipe and send it off to the food editor of the local daily.

## Teachers are published writers too

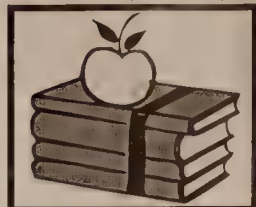
Melinda Lauer  
Editor-in-chief

Fifteen seconds of fame and an eternity in print. Students do not think of their teachers as having a separate life from school. They do not even accept the fact that they were once younger, in high school aspiring to do something with their lives. A couple of teachers at North Side have proof of life outside the classroom.

Did you know that a teacher at North Side was written for *Teen Magazine*? Jennifer Neel, English Teacher, wrote a poem about teen angst that made it into the November 1994 issue. She wrote all the time as a student in high school. Her ambition was fueled by her

teacher's negative criticism. She said,

"He was slow, old, and stunk of coffee and cigarettes."  
She won a year subscription



and was admired by fellow students. Her mother, to this very day, still has the article proudly propped on the refrigerator.

Math, students would agree, is a rough course to accomplish. Robert Lovell, Math Teacher, came up with a game plan to make math a little easier by avoiding the con-

ventional book plans. He used it for about four years before submitting it to publishers. On the fifth try, Key Curriculum Press accepted it. It sells for \$19.95 of which he receives a meager 5% from the sales (that is \$1.00). For the last seven years he has received a nice royalty check each June. He said,

"I was so excited when they offered to publish it... so excited that I signed the contract without really negotiating for a bigger chunk of the pie. BIG MISTAKE!"

Several other teachers here at North Side have had work published. Their accomplishments are going to be read over and over in time. These teachers are just like real people: They are not known as just teachers but are now respected for the fact that they are published.

## One act plays coming soon

Blane Pressler  
Reporter

Murder and dressing room conversation are the topics for this year's one acts, being performed on January 24 in North Side's auditorium at seven PM. Senior, Megan Forsythe, and English teacher, Ellen Figel, are the directors of the two very different performances.

Figel's one act is "Sorry Wrong Number." It is about an invalid woman on a dark night alone in her bed. When making a call, the woman stumbles in on a conversation the operator connects her with. She over-hears two men and their conversation of a murderous plot.

This one act has a fairly large cast including juniors, Andrea Blackman and Tim Rodgers. There are several more, but Blackman is the leading lady in this play as the invalid woman.

In the one act "Sorry Wrong number," there are several operators including senior, Stephanie Sosenheimer, and sophomores, Lexie



**HARD AT WORK.** seniors, Liz Willer (left) and Amanda Rorick (right), enthusiastically practice for the up coming one act plays. These two are seen here perfecting their lines on North Side's auditorium stage.

Photo by: Blane Pressler

Demetoff and Maddison Kerby. Kerby said that she enjoys the director and is very excited about getting her first role in a North Side production.

"I like my part. I'm funny. I'm oblivious to what's going on," said Demetoff.

Along with this performance is the second one act entitled "Fitting Rooms." The story is about different people in different dressing rooms talking to each other about subjects like a mid-life crisis, anorexia, and a mother who is going to meet her long lost daughter for the first time. Freshmen, Katrina Willer, said,

"My character's an airhead, but

she's really close to her friends. I can relate to that."

Six different people are performing this play with the three different plots going on between different characters. This is the performance directed by Forsythe, a four-year drama student. Forsythe will be receiving a grade for her directorial abilities.

The casts of both one acts are hard at work preparing their performances and learning their lines. As with every performance, they hope to do their best as actors in their performance. Each person is putting in their personal effort into their character to create a visual for others to enjoy.



**RED, BURNING BLISTERS** can be seen from those who abuse tanning beds. Stephanie Dulcet, 01 NSHS grad cleans a tanning bed for the next color seeking customer. photo by: Mel Lauer

## Getting as tan as one can

Christina Lauer  
News Editor  
Edited by Features Editor Ashley Aifeld

These days being tan seems to be more and more of an issue among teens. What is the cause for such a desire to be tan? For some, it is hard not to notice the difference of what a beautiful tan can do to enhance one's appearance. However, what most people do not realize is that a mere 20 minutes of tanning can inflict horrible side effects on the body.

It is estimated daily that 1 million Americans are completely unaware that spending 20 minutes in a tanning booth is equal to spending an entire day out in the scalding sun without sunscreen. Despite the common belief that tanning beds offer a "safe" alternative to getting a tan, nothing could be further from the harsh reality. Worldwide studies have repeatedly shown that the vast majority of teenagers were unaware of the potential dangers associated with the use of tanning beds.

Claims made by tanning salons which state the safety of tanning beds is one of the many reasons why teenagers these days run out and begin vigorous tanning sessions. However, the problem is this: studies have proven that tanning beds are not as safe as they may appear. Why are tanning beds unsafe? The answer is simple. It is because of the use of ultraviolet rays used with tanning beds that the risk of developing skin disorders drastically increases. Also, it is well documented

that the earlier in life one experiences UV (ultra violet) skin damage, the more likely melanoma (a potentially fatal form of skin cancer) will develop. Since most tanning bed users tend to be under the age of 30, it makes them highly vulnerable.

Although tanning beds use UVA bulbs, which are less likely to burn the skin, they also bring fourth an ugly list of side effects. Some of the long-term risks involved with "fake baking" include skin cancer, wrinkles, a leathery skin texture, formation of "broken" blood vessels, and skin discoloration. With all the horrible side effects that come with using tanning beds, it is amazing to see that many people still use them.

Despite the numerous people who love to go "fake baking," there are still quiet a few who would rather go without. Junior, Laura Null, said,

"Tanning beds are all plastic with no padding, so it makes it very uncomfortable to lay there for a long period of time."

Even junior, Jared Lambert, would prefer going without tanning. He said, "I don't think that being tan is an asset to being attractive it is just one of those extra things."

If worse comes to worse and getting that perfect tan is a must, then getting tanned the old-fashioned way is better, and if planning on being out in the sun, everyone must make sure to wear sunscreen. Although it may take longer, it is still possible to achieve a nice, safer tan. An even better way to get that perfect tan is to use self-tanners. These are a safe way to achieve that sleek bronze look both safely and effectively. Everyone should remember that when tanning, they must tan safely.

## Some are not the same

Sonja Biberstine  
Reporter

Standing there surrounded,  
Shaking with my fright.  
As he takes another step,  
I feel my arms gripped tight.

He steps into the light,  
An odd grin upon his face.  
Another act of violation,  
And he'll disappear without a trace.

I awoke with a start,  
My eyes are open wide.  
The fear, it still controls me,  
So I'll continue to hide.

I met another guy,

Oh, the similarities that I see  
They're into the same things,  
Gangs, drugs, and me

But as I look into his eyes,  
I see a difference in the two.  
It isn't pleasure this one wants,  
For once a male's feelings for me are true.

What I have learned is no exception,  
Some lessons are so lame,  
But what I've come to realize is,  
Some guys just aren't the same.

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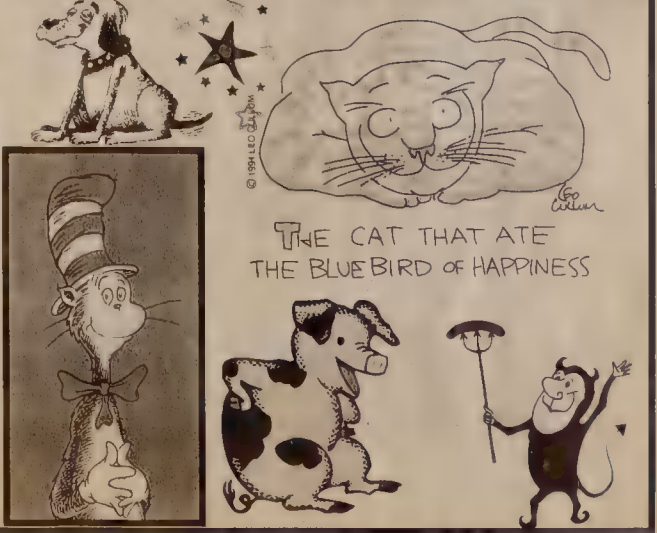
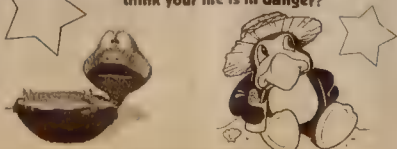
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THE CAT THAT ATE THE BLUE BIRD OF HAPPINESS

## Men's swim team makes their splash

Andy Milentis  
Sports Editor

Diving into the cold water wearing only a bathing suit does not happen in most high school sports, but surprisingly enough, swimming may possibly be the most physically demanding, competitive, and exciting sport here at North Side.

For the North Side boys' varsity swimmers, it is all a competition. Swimming uniquely allows students to compete not only against swimmers of the opposing team but also against swimmers on your own team, and you're self. This very competitive aspect of the sport gives the swimmers an opportunity to shave seconds off their personal times as well as win the race for the team.

"I want to compete at state this year," said junior, Terrance McKinney. "The automatic qualifying time for the fifty meter freestyle swim is twenty-three seconds. I'm at twenty-five right now."

Being a winning swimmer does not just call for talent. It also takes fine-tuned physical strength. When bodies are swimming, they are using hundreds of muscles throughout the body.

"You have to have really toned muscles: long, lean biceps, rock-hard abs. You want a muscular chest but not too big," said senior Eric Stephenson. "Swimming gives you the best exercise. You work every muscle in your body, muscles you didn't even know you had."

Swimming is an extremely fast and action-filled sport. Races are

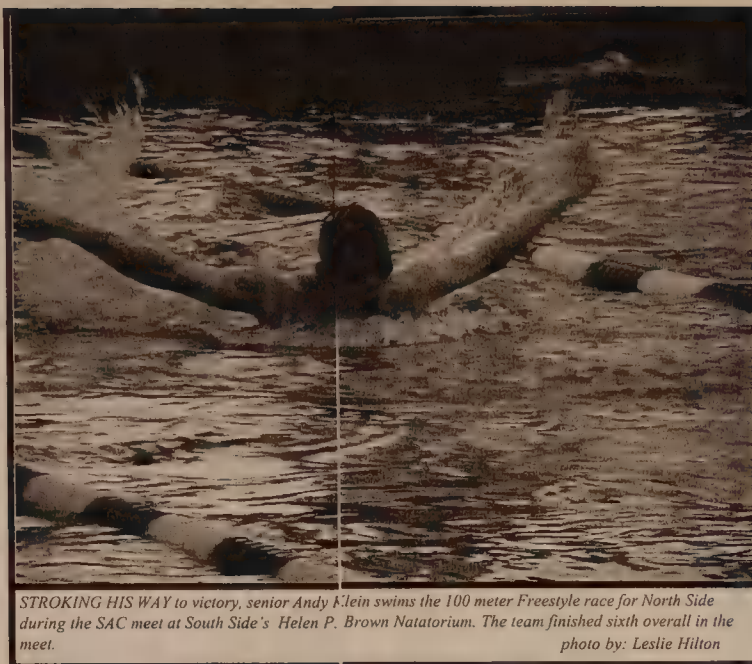
rarely won by more than a couple of seconds, so the finishes are always dramatic. This makes it an exciting sport to watch from the stands. A swim meet is comprised of a variety of different races. They include: fifty-meter relay, one-hundred meter relay, and two-hundred meter relay. Swimmers compete using different strokes including: breaststroke, freestyle, and butterfly.

Preparing for a swim meet is a very important task. Swimmers have to keep their bodies in good physical shape and their muscles loose.

"Before a race I think about the stroke I'm going to use and just try to focus. If you want to be a good swimmer you have to have a good mind set and be able to focus. You can't mess around," said Stephenson.

The mens' team practices by swimming five-hundred meter runs and working on starts. A lot of preparation is needed for races that only last a couple minutes at the most. The practice is necessary to excel as it is in any sport, although in swimming shaving just a fraction of a second off the finishing time is a huge improvement.

With the swimming season drawing to a close, the North Side boys are swimming their best to get the team past Sectionals. Although the varsity squad is not that large, they intend to make up for it with speed and effort.



STROKING HIS WAY to victory, senior Andy Klein swims the 100 meter Freestyle race for North Side during the SAC meet at South Side's Helen P. Brown Natatorium. The team finished sixth overall in the meet.  
photo by: Leslie Hilton

## Sideline players earn recognition and experience

Tiffany Warren  
Reporter

Sweaty, tired, and thirsty, the players tried to load all the equipment onto the bus without any assistance. This would be the scenario without a manager. Yet managers cease to receive the recognition they deserve. Players get recognized for their attributes with awards such as Most Valuable Player, Rookie of the Year, and Most Improved Player. But help comes from more than just the players—should the awards?

Rameica Vaught, junior, was manager for the volleyball team this year. Vaught said,

"I became a manager because I like volleyball. But I'm not really that good at it. And plus I get to be around all my friends."

If Vaught would not have become a manager, the team and Coach Ry Taliaferro, would have to take time out to deal with uniforms, loading and unloading equipment for games, and helping out the team with whatever is needed.

There are many benefits that come along with the hard work. These would include learning how to become more organized, having the feeling of being on a team, and maybe even learning how to play. But many still feel this is not enough.

Football and Softball coach, Casey Kolkman, feels that managers do not receive nearly as much credit as they deserve. He said,

"They definitely don't receive as much recognition as they should. The most they can do is letter."

Kolkman is not the only coach that feels that way. Taliaferro, who coaches volleyball, said almost the same thing.

"Maybe they don't get enough credit," said Taliaferro, "but they can earn a letter after just two weeks of the season. They are even given recognition at the end of the season along with the team."



DIVING INTO COLD water is part of the sport. Greg Waikel, freshman, swims the final leg of a relay race for North Side. photo by: Leslie Hilton

That might exclude many of the students here except the seniors. There are so many different programs available at different locations around the city.

A new gym not many have heard of is called "Curves For Women" has two locations in Fort Wayne on Getz Road and Coldwater Road. This facility is for woman only; if any young women are interested in joining an all-woman gym the cost for a membership is only twenty-

nine dollars. That includes any of the fitness programs, but unlike many gyms this facility does not offer classes. Ladies can come in and exercise Monday through Friday.

There are so many facilities for students and staff to attend to get in a good work out or participate in a sport. There are new classes and programs at each of these facilities, and each has its own unique style for teaching those who want to learn how to stay in shape.

## Outside school athletics offer great opportunities

Blane Pressler  
Reporter

Sports are a part of many students' lives; there are many students here that are involved in sports. Although, many students do not participate in school sports.

North Side offers a range of sports including soccer, football, basketball, golf, tennis, gymnastics, and the list goes on. Others prefer a different atmosphere than what the school can provide. Fort Wayne is home to several facilities for people to go and participate in sports other exercising activities.

Places like the Plex offer stu-

dents and others sporting opportunities outside of a school atmosphere. There are also other facilities people can go to get in shape or partake in a sport. Gold's Gym, YMCA, YWCA, and Spiece are a few of the gyms that are located here in Fort Wayne.

Some of these gyms offer things like indoor tracks and pools, for runners, swimmers, and the general public. Several of these gyms offer weights and other types of exercise equipment.

Fort Wayne even offers a baseball school and some

sports camps. There are so many facilities available for students and others to enjoy sports and exercise.

One facility on North Wells Street is the YWCA; the program is thirty-nine dollars a month. This includes the pool, fitness rooms, gym, and track, any classes and much more. The YWCA has an Olympic-sized pool and different fitness classes as well as weight and exercise equipment rooms.

Another gym is the American Fitness Center. Members there have to be eighteen years of age to have a membership.

CHARGING TOWARD THE goal is junior, Adam Daniels after he strips an opponent off the ball. Daniels and other juniors represent North Side in a high school boys league at Techumwah Sports Center. Recently, the boys finished their season strong with several victories and runner up in the league tournament.

photo by:  
Kelvin Goss



## Upcoming Sports Events

Friday, January 25

Var B/G Basketball @ Northrop 6:15 P.M.

Monday, January 28

Var/Res G Gymnastics vs. Huntington @ North 6:30 P.M.

Tuesday, January 29

Var/Res/Fresh B Basketball vs. Dekalb @ North 6:15 P.M.

Thursday, January 31

Fresh B Basketball vs. Concordia @ North 6:15 P.M.

Var/Res G gymnastics @ Snider 6:30 P.M.

Friday, February 1

Var/Res/Fresh G Basketball @ Concordia 6:15 P.M.

Saturday, February 2

Var G Gymnastics Marion Inv. @ Marion 12:00 P.M.

Var/Res B Basketball vs. Concordia @ North 6:15 P.M.

Monday, February 4

Var/Res B Swimming vs. East Noble @ South Side Pool 6:30 P.M.

Tuesday, February 5

Var/Res/Fresh G Basketball vs. Woodlan @ North 6:15 P.M.  
Var/Res G Gymnastics vs. Marion 6:30 P.M.

Friday, February 8

Fresh B Basketball vs. Dwenger @ North 6:15 P.M.

Saturday, February 9

Var/Res B Basketball vs. Central Noble @ North 6:15 P.M.

Wed., February 13

Var/Res/Fresh B Basketball @ Whitko 6:15 P.M.  
Var/Res G Gymnastics vs. South Side/Carroll @ North 6:30 P.M.

Thurs., February 14

Var/Res G Gymnastics vs. Northrop/Elmhurst @ Elmhurst 6:30 P.M.



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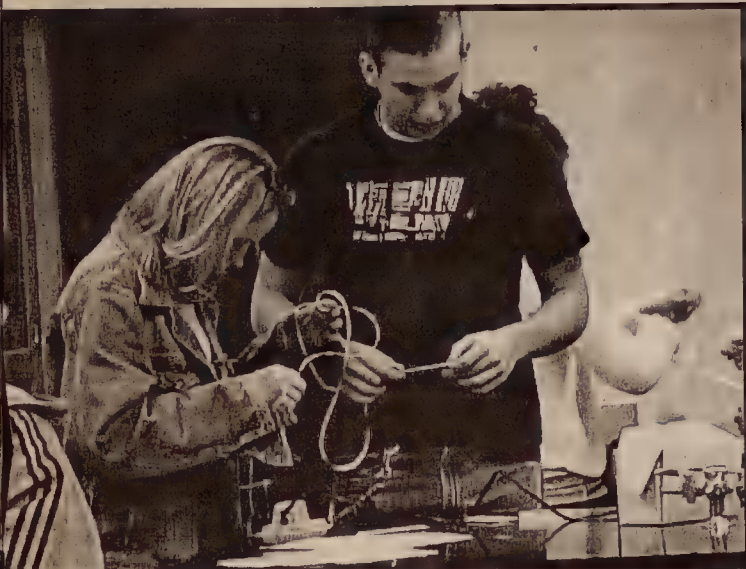
**Sports** - Most athletes incur few injuries hockey is very demanding.

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PHYSICS IS FUN while Brady Koehlingers Physics students juniors, Pat Shown and Laura Myers, are inserting the timing tape into the recording timer as a way of learning how to observe a falling object and determine the acceleration due to gravity.

Photo by: Mel Lauer

## Termination of furious fights is requested

Diana Flores  
Reporter

From school to school, student problems range from sex, drugs, vandalism, to violence.



Schools have their ups and downs with student problems. Violence is one of the most common

problems that occur in most public schools. What should be done to prevent school fighting? Do students feel safe at school if a police officer is on duty? Better yet what should be the consequences for school fighting?

No one knows exactly why students fight at school. Some say it is all for the attention, but others say fighting is the only way to protect themselves.

North Side does not have a major issue with fighting, but occasionally some of the students take a couple of rounds in the ring. For those who choose to fight they must suffer the consequences. According to all Deans, if any student under 18 is caught in the act of fighting, they will be escorted out of the school by a Fort Wayne police officer. For those who are legal adults, they will be escorted to Allen County lockup downtown. Consequences for fighting can lead from suspension to being expelled for up to a year.

Officer Howard Johnson has been working here for 10 years. Johnson feels that the school does not have a big problem with fighting, and on most occasions fighting occurs from time to time. Johnson thinks if students would just act as young adults, then there would be no reason to worry about fighting. Most break out fighting happens in the cafeteria and hallways. Good to know fighting rarely breaks out in the classrooms.

"If students use the talent they have for their community and school, then NS will be an outstanding educational facility," said Officer Johnson.

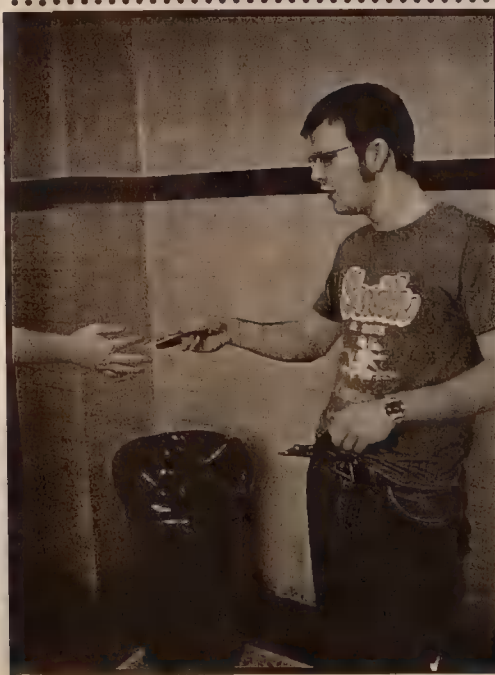
Students have always known how teachers and staff members feel about fighting, but the students have their own feelings about school fighting, too. Sophomore, Rachel Homan, feels that fighting is a waste of time and very foolish. Homan thinks that fighting is caused by students not minding their own business and by not shutting their mouths. Also Homan thinks that it is necessary to have a police officer on duty just in case a fight breaks out, and someone could be carrying a weapon.

"Fighting is stupid and a waste of time," said Homan.

Schools all around the world have issues with fighting in school. Here of course, there is not a huge issue with fighting. Although there are no situations that might occur that cannot be handled. If only students would take a few seconds to stop and think before they choose to put themselves in a dangerous situation by fighting, then everyone would be able to feel secure and safe.

### North Side Mission Statement

The mission of North Side High School community is to provide each student with the opportunity to develop the academic, personal, and social skills necessary for graduation and lifelong learning and success.



LIVIN' IT UP during their last year of high school by spending their hard earned money. Senior, Dave Frank, knows the value of a dollar bill and dislikes it when his hard earned money is spent.

Photo by: Mel Lauer

## Survey says...

### CRIME

1 in 10 people are arrested every year in the U.S.

A car is stolen every 30 seconds in the United States.

Women shoplift more often than men; the statistics are 4 to 1.

About 8% of local jail inmates were not U.S. citizens.

A quarter of the jail inmates said they had been treated at some time for a mental problem or emotional problem.

36% of all inmates were not employed during the month before they were arrested for their crime. 20% were looking for work. 16% were not.

Statistics were provided by Bureau of Justice Statistics Criminal Offenders Statistics &

### MISCELLANEOUS

0.3% of all road accidents in Canada involve a moose.

1 out of 4 Americans do not know what their astrological sign is.

1,314 phone calls will be misplaced by telecom services every minute.

13 people a year are killed by vending machines falling on them.

2 and 5 are the only primes that end in 2 or 5.

2,500 newborn babies will be dropped in the next month.

22,000 checks will be deducted from the wrong bank accounts in the next hour.

25% of Americans have internet access.

Statistics were provided by uselesfacts.net

## Quote of the Day

At every single moment of one's life, one is going to be no less than what one has been.

-Oscar Wilde

## Promiscuos teens recieve bad reps

Leslie Hilton  
News Editor

With drastically increasing teens pregnancy sexually transmitted diseases (STDs), and bad reputations teens are faced with choices that could change their lives forever.

Teens who choose to have unprotected sex are faced with potentially life-threatening consequences. Some consequences are pregnancy and STDs. Another consequence that is not life threatening is a bad reputation.

When teens decide to have sex, pregnancy is probably the last thing on their minds. Although pregnancy is not an extremely common thing among teens, it is still seen too often have no idea as to what is in store for them in the near future which is

neader than they may think. When most teens become pregnant, they are not quite sure what they are going to do with their life or with their baby.

STDs are becoming the most popular infection treated among Americans. More than twelve million Americans have STDs yearly. Three million of the twelve million infected are teenagers. Although some STDs are easily treatable with a small dosage of antibiotics, others are not.

Some STDs after cured still leave their mark on a person. For instance, some forever leave a person unable to bare children. Others, which may be incurable, may leave nasty scars or flare-up on rare occasions.

Rumors, lies, gossip, and exaggeration spread quickly. Hear-say often results in friends talking behind other friend's backs which leads to hurt feelings and a possible bad

reputation. Cindy Harter, sophomore, said,

"If you have sex with one partner, I think you don't get nearly as bad a reputation as if you have multiple partners."

When rumors are spread, they change far from the truth, and they hurt the one they are talking about. That hurt may take a long period of time to go away, and the bad reputation will take even longer.

The only sure way to prevent pregnancy, STDs, and a bad reputation is not having sex. In other words, abstinence is the 100% way to prevent STDs, pregnancy, and a bad reputation. Harter said,

"I've always been brought up not to have intercourse before marriage."

## College tricks of the trade

Sonja Biberstine  
Reporter

Seniors cannot just sit back and expect the colleges to contact them; there are a few things they have to do to let colleges and administrators know they exist.

Planning for college is not easy for everyone. Papers, such as applications, have to be filled out and mailed.

Tests, the SAT and ACT for example, have to be taken by college-bound seniors. It is recommended by high school counselors that test-takes earn a score between 900 and 1000 on the SAT.

Getting into IPFW, Shawn Rausch, senior, said,

"...was pretty easy. I transferred from another college, so all I had to do was fill out an application."

Rausch was not required to take either the SAT or the ACT to get into college.

Money is often an obstacle for high school seniors. Many students believe that college is too expensive. Elizabeth Heinkel, senior, said,

"Money is an obstacle; I don't have money."

However, most colleges offer

financial aid or student loans. There are also countless scholarships given to seniors in high school.

Other obstacles include the fear some students are filled with at the thought of having to live on their own and take care of themselves. Academics are another major obstacle. Some students believe they will not be able to make good enough grades in college.

There are tricks to getting into the college of one's choice. If a student has a low GPA, yet they write an impressive essay explaining why, it might spark interest in college administrators.

## Money dwindling makes college plans grim

Katie Klein  
Reporter

While some seniors do not think about saving their money after high school, some try to save every penny.

It may be debatable as what the seniors do spend their money on. For example, many seniors may decide that they want to spend their money on things that some

think are not very important such as, prom, senior pictures, dinner before the prom, gas money, books, music, Tuxedo's, prom dresses, prom pictures. Kathy Bennett, Guidance Counselor, said,

"It would be best if the students did decide to go to college and do something with their life, but if he or she does not intend on going to college then they shall be able to spend their money on anything they want."

There are many seniors here who do intend to go to college. Some of them do choose to spend their money wisely, but then there are those few who just spend it on anything that

they may want which may not be such a good idea. Bennett said,

"The best thing for the students to do is too save their money, because when they may need the money, they do not have it."

That is a main problem that students have is not being able to save their money when they really do need it. But then when they do need it, they do not have it. Bennett said,

"Students love to spend their money on things that are not that important instead of on things that are needed."



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## Deep Thoughts By Jack Handy



Melinda Lauer  
Editor in chief

\*When you're riding in a time machine way far into the future, don't stick your elbow out the window, or it'll turn into a fossil.

\*It takes a big man to cry, but it takes a bigger man to laugh at that man.

\*At first I thought if I were Superman, a perfect secret identity would be "Clark Kent, Dentist," because you could save money on tooth X-rays. But then I thought, if a patient said, "How's my back tooth?" and you just looked at it with your X-ray vision and said, "Oh it's okay," then the patient would probably say, "Aren't you going to take an X-ray, stupid?" and you'd say, "Aw crap, get outta here," and then he probably wouldn't even pay his bill.

\*A good way to threaten somebody is to light a stick of dynamite. Then you call the guy and hold the burning fuse up to the phone. "Hear that?" you say, "that's dynamite, baby."

\*I bet when the Neanderthal kids would make a snowman, someone would always end up saying, "Don't forget the thick, heavy brows." Then they would all get embarrassed, because they remembered they had the big hunky brows, too. They'd get mad and eat the snowman.

\*Maybe in order to understand mankind, we have to look at the word itself: "Mankind." Basically it's made up of two separate words - "mank" and "ind." What do these words mean? It's a mystery, and that's why mankind is, too.

\*I hope if dogs ever take over the world and they chose a king they don't just go by size, because I bet there are some Chihuahuas with some good ideas.

\*I bet the main reason the police keep people away from a plane crash is they don't want anybody walking in and lying down in the crash stuff, then, when somebody comes up, and act like they just woke up and go, "What was THAT?!"

\*If you define cowardice as running away at the first sign of danger, screaming and tripping and begging for mercy, then yes, Mr. Brave Man, I guess I'm a coward.

\*What is it that makes a complete stranger dive into an icy river to save a solid gold baby? Maybe we'll never know.

\*To me clowns aren't funny. In fact, they're kind of scary. I've wondered where this started, and I think it goes back to the time I went to the circus and a clown killed my dad.

\*If trees could scream, would we be so cavalier about cutting them down? We might if they screamed all the time for no good reason.

\*If you ever fall off the Sears Tower, just go real limp because maybe you'll look like a dummy, and people will try to catch you because, hey, free dummy.

\*Anytime I see something screech across a room and latch onto someone's neck, and the guy screams and tries to get it off, I have to laugh because what is that thing.

\*Contrary to what most people say, the most dangerous animal in the world is not the lion or the tiger or even the elephant. It's a shark riding on an elephant's back just trampling and eating everything they see.

\*Whenever I see an old lady slip and fall on a wet sidewalk, my first instinct is to laugh. But then I think, what if it was an ant, and she fell on me. Then it wouldn't seem quite so funny.

## From the Desk of . . .

### School offers chances to increase assets

Jennifer Vaughan  
Special Education Department  
Chair

Often we limit our concept of "going to school" to the subject matter that is listed in the Curriculum Guide offered by the school. We fail to probe beyond what is listed and think about what school truly offers. Many students wonder what any of this has to do with their lives. School has everything to do with life.

I remember hearing that certain course work would make me a "more well-rounded" person. I usually listened to that phrase with a skeptical attitude. How could a Geometry course through which I struggled contribute to my future as I pictured it? How could the number of required college credits in Physical Education increase my chances for steady employment?

Why did I need to sit through several lectures in Sociology, Psychology and Philosophy?

None of these questions were completely or satisfactorily answered upon graduation from high school or college. The questions were answered gradually each time I was confronted with problems, choices, and decisions during my life. I now know that I will continue to draw upon what I learned throughout my entire life.

What did I learn? Do I use theorems in every day life? Do I still remember the rules of certain games played in those college P.E. classes? Do I sit and have daily, deep philosophical discussions or ponder the sociological impact of certain societies and their cultures? The answer is a surprising and resounding "Yes!"

Every time I analyze or reason, I use those skills learned in that long ago Geometry class. When I try a new physi-

cal activity, I draw upon those skills learned in the gym classes at Ball State. As I listen to the news or read a newspaper, I am exposed to new cultures, thought processes and philosophies. The discussions and readings from college courses helped to prepare me to think in a less narrow-minded way about this new information.

James Covey, in his book *The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People*, discusses the importance of learning and thinking in Habit Number Seven, "Sharpen the Saw." Covey tells us that we must preserve and enhance "the greatest asset you have - yourself." We are to constantly renew "the four dimensions of our nature - physical, spiritual, mental and social/emotional." I have learned that to fulfill this challenge, I must be a lifelong learner in every aspect of my life.

School is one aspect of life that will offer you the chance to increase the flexibility and strength of your four dimensions. The next time you do not want to dress for P.E., give yourself a personal challenge to achieve during the class. When you are required to read a book in English class, write a personal journal recording thoughts that form as you read.

Remember that we only have one future. Get your "triple-A" map to success by taking ownership of all that is offered in classes, sports, clubs and activities at North Side High School. If you do, your direction will be pointed toward a future that may not be what you expected, but one you will be able to live with excitement, strength, and flexibility.



MAKING SWEET DEALS: Multicultural Club members sell Valentine's messages before school. Cookies and flowers are also being sold by different student groups. Photo by: Elizabeth Willer

### Differing situations bring teens freedom

Sonja Biberstine  
Reporter

Though some teens are constantly sitting and watching the grass grow, many teens are able to go out and have fun with their friends.

Generally, age has a lot to do with the amount of freedom a teenager has, at least legally. However, the parents of teens usually end up being the deciding factor.

There are various reasons that some students have less freedom than others do.

"I did have a lot of freedom, but I got in trouble and lost it all," said Josh Saylor, sophomore.

Those who do not have as much freedom have different opinions on why others have more.

"Their mom does not care about their lives," said Whitney Bon, sophomore.

Some of the teens who have more freedom do not think that is necessarily true.

"My parents trust me," said Ashly Beaty, freshman.

There are many teens who have overly protective parents, or their parents simply do not trust them.

"The amount of freedom deserved to a teen depends on the amount of responsibility shown by a teen," said Rebecca Behrer, RJO county clerk and mother of three.

Not all teens live with their parents, though. Some teens have been emancipated or are now legally responsible for themselves. To become emancipated, a teenager must be at least sixteen-years-old and meet one of the following requirements. They must be married, part of the Armed Forces, living on their own and can prove that they are capable of managing their money, or in a situation where the courts decide the best thing for the teen or family of the teenager is for the teenager to be emancipated.

But regardless of the living status of a teenager, Beaty said,

"Teens should be able to just go out and have fun."



ACCESS IS LIMITED: This phrase disappoints pop drinkers at North Side frequently. Students are denied access to pop during certain parts of the day. Photo by: Leslie Hilton

### Appreciation shown with actions or gifts

Katie Klein  
Reporter

Though most people believe Valentine's Day is just another day for Hallmark to make money, there are those who see the day as a time to celebrate love. Every February candy, flowers, and gifts are exchanged between loved ones. Valentine's Day began to be popularly celebrated in the seventeenth century. Naomi Gomez, freshman, plans on going out to eat at a fancy restaurant with her boyfriend or going over to his house to watch movies. Gomez said,

"Yes, I think it's about love, because you get to spend time with the person you love the most. You get to give each other gifts."

Valentine's Day may also be about just buying cards, candy, and flowers. Students here at NSHS have different opinions on what Valentine's Day is really all about. Gomez said,

"I like spending time with my boyfriend on Valentine's Day."

### School imperfections brought forward

Leslie Hilton  
News Editor

School is not always a place where students wish to go on a regular basis. That results in students complaining quite often. Some of their complaints are not rational or logical. Despite this, there are still complaints that should be heard. Sophomore, Michael Burns', complaint was one that affects many students. Burns said,

"The pop machines aren't on during the day, and I would rather have pop instead of juice." Burns feels that pop is important to him, because if he had pop during the day, he would not fall asleep due to all of the sugars. Although the pop machines affect many pop drinkers, Jacob Wallman, senior, has a complaint about something that affects everyone who eats lunch in the school cafeteria. Wallman said,

"Too much pineapple for lunch. There is always pineapple in the cafeteria."

Wallman feels that his complaint is very important because it is affecting his schoolwork and making hard for him to focus during classes. According to Wallman it is always on his mind whether or not there is going to be any pineapple.

Amber Spangler, senior, believes that there is a lack of rodents in the cafeteria. Spangler said,

"Never once have I seen a rodent except for my freshman year. That's why we need to 'beef' it up."

Although they are not the most important on the staff's minds they should be acknowledged and taken care of as soon as possible.

**Out of the Blue**  
Dartboards are made out of horse hair.

### Off the record....

What was your most embarrassing moment ever?



Vicki Wilkerson  
Staff

"I was in a computer workshop when I went to make a comment and couldn't remember the principal's name."



Rachel Komanec  
Senior

"I hit my friend's brand new, white car while he was pushing it so he could give my battery a jump."



Patty Rodda  
Junior

"When I was six I swallowed a jingle bell."



Greg Ludwinski  
Sophomore

"In second grade I threw up in class."



Daniel Hicks  
Freshman

"At a football game, in middle school, my pants were ripped off of me."

Photos by: Leslie Hilton



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## Distress reveals the oppressive

Sonja Biberstine  
Reporter

Loss of interest in certain activities, change of eating and sleeping habits, withdrawal, feelings of worthlessness, lack of energy, slipping grades, and prolonged sadness are just some things that many teenagers in Fort Wayne are currently or have previously experienced.

As one walks through the hallways of North Side High School before the first period bell rings, they would see different crowds of students everywhere. They would also see what are often known as 'lone wolfs' or even 'outcasts'.

Some of these outcasts are alone by choice. They have lost interest in being with their friends. Recently these students have found that they prefer to keep to themselves and would rather not be part of a large group.

Most of these willing outcasts suffer from depression. Fifty-two percent of teenagers have experienced depression sometime in their life. The cause of depression varies from person

to person. Family problems and break-ups seemed to be the most common causes, but the September attacks on the World Trade Towers have also caused depression in many teens. Seventh grader, Robin Crowell, said,

"... because I'm kind of sensitive toward that type of thing."

Teenagers all deal with depression in their own way. Crowell locks herself in her room.

"I listened to the radio," said Julie Titus, freshman.

Those diagnosed with a type of depression are not necessarily depressed all the time. If someone is diagnosed with bi-polar disease, the depression seems to come and go. In a way, one would compare it to mood swings. The mood swings vary in length, but the most noticeable are when a teen goes from laughing and having fun with their friends to being silent and withdrawn within seconds.

Though most have never had a close friend actually commit suicide, nearly all of those who have experienced depression have thought about attempting it. "It was just occasionally,

when things got worse," said Patricia Moreno, freshman.

Sharon Wight, also a freshman, said that though she attempted, she never actually committed suicide because of her best friend. She said that talking with her friend helped her realize that someone cares about her and that there would be someone who would be hurt if she did.

There are different lengths of depression cases. Some only last a few hours while others may last years.

Like the cause, the cure for depression varies with the case. Richard Smith, sophomore, for example said,

"Meeting the girl of my dreams," was what it took to cure him.

For Moreno, the cure was people realizing who she is. Valerie Johnson, sophomore, simply said,

"Medicine."

Depression is not just in schools. You will see it at the mall, park, airport, bus station and basically everywhere you else you go.

"If you're depressed, talk to someone about it," said Brittany Le Clear, freshman.



## Heavy levies a toll on many

Tiffany Warren  
Reporter

not always the person's fault.

Many people do not realize that obesity is plaguing the country as well as this school. Although it is proven that most obese people are middle-aged, it starts in teenage years.

Over sixty-eight percent of Americans are overweight. This percentage has been rising nonstop for the past decade.

Awareness is a key to stopping this epidemic. Many do not know what the term obesity means, how people become obese, or ways to stop it.

Julie Leon, senior, like many others did not even know how heavy someone has to become to be diagnosed with obesity. To be considered obese one has to become fifty pounds or more over the average weight.

Leon thinks that the way people become obese is because they do not take care of themselves. However, it is

not always the person's fault. Obesity can be genetic which makes it a disease. Many people, like Tyler Brannan, junior, refuse to classify it as a disease even though it has been proven. Brannan said,

"It might be genetic sometimes, but usually it's the person's fault. Most obese people just sit around eating all the time and not exercising."

Leon, along with Holly Prater, freshman, have friends who suffer from this life-threatening disease but said that it does not affect their friendship at all.

Leon and Prater do not discriminate against their friends, but they should try and help them stop the disease as early as possible.

If the disease is not stopped it can lead to heart disease, hypertension, strokes, diabetes, or even cancer. The best thing to do is stop the disease now while there is a better chance of getting rid of it. Exercising and eating healthy are two basic ways to keep a healthy balanced weight.

## Sips induce abuse

Christina Lauer  
News Editor

come sober is if they want it just as much as we do."

Although it can take only one sip of alcohol for an addiction to begin, it will take years for withdrawal to end.

During the years of withdrawal, alcoholics go through a various number of changes, but they do not have to go through the changes alone. Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) will be there to support and help anyone who is willing to become sober. Leon (does not want last name identified), a staff member at AA said,

"We will not take any time with people who do not try to become clean; we do not waste our time on those people. The only way someone will be-

come sober is if they want it just as much as we do."

At AA, they believe that recovery starts when one alcoholic talks to another alcoholic. Leon said,

"It helps, because it shows that they can admit their problems to another person. It also shows them that they are not the only ones who have a problem. Others also need help, just like themselves."

Leon states that an addiction is all in someone's mind, it is something that alcoholics believe they must have. Statistics states that an addiction is a physical adaptation to cope with a substance it was not created to handle.

Withdrawal is a state that no addict is ready to face. Those who do have made a great accomplishment.

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## Speech is more than communication

Blane Pressler  
Reporter

Speech Team is one of several activities available to students, but the Speech Team offers opportunities in drama and public speaking as well. If someone were looking for a career in the world of drama or wanted a career in business where speaking in front of an audience is required, then North Side's Speech Team is a wonderful way for students to get involved.

"I enjoy it very much, because it's fun and you get to meet new people. I can have a lot of great use in the future," said Tameka Williams, freshman.

Claryn Myers, Speech and Drama Teacher, has been the head of the Speech and Drama department for 28 years as well as direct-

ing North Side's drama productions. Myers coaches each of the Speech Team members individually, so that they can present their piece clearly and correctly.

There are different categories that the Speech Team members may enter: duo, drama, humor, oratorical, poetry, prose, original oratory, impromptu, discussion, and broadcasting. Each of these subjects is unique in its requirements, demands upon the student's time, and rewards for both now and the future.

Each category competes against other schools in these individual areas. If a team member was presenting a poem, s/he would compete against students from the other schools who were also presenting some form of poetry.

Speech Team is not noticed much here at North Side, but students work very hard on the

speaking material they choose. Trying to make each word sound perfect to create a sentence, that in turn creates a paragraph, and then that creates the entire performance they are giving.

The Speech Team gives up so much of their free time to perfect the performance piece, and to some of the team members the biggest sacrifice is giving up their Saturdays. All of the Speech meets are held on Saturday mornings.

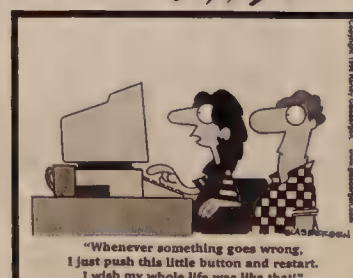
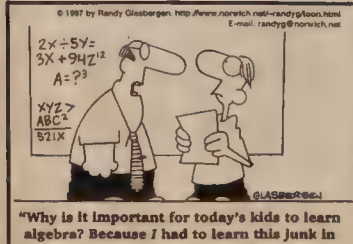
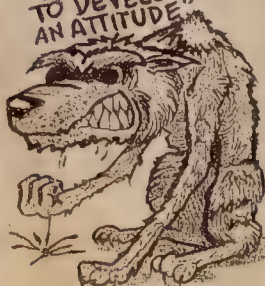
The meets are held at different high schools in Indiana, both near and far. Sometimes to reach a meet, the team has to take buses to other cities to compete in the Speech Team events.

The Speech Team works long hours for competitions, they work with Myers, and they consistently perfect their performances.

You've just entered...

## Skewed Views

"I'M ABOUT  
TO DEVELOP  
AN ATTITUDE"

FUNNY  
HOROSCOPES

## AQUARIUS

January 20 - February 19

What you are about to do is wrong. Of course, you'll only find that out much later. For now, enjoy yourself!

## PISCES

February 20 - March 20

Someone you dislike will talk to you today. The best thing to do is pretend you have a vibrating pager in your pocket, and say, "That must be the call I've been waiting for", and dash off.

## ARIES

March 21 - April 20

Remember: Unexpressed feelings don't die. So don't hold anything back! Tell everyone what you REALLY think of them!

## TAURUS

April 21 - May 21

You will have an intellectual discussion with a potato, soon. However, you won't even find it a bit odd.

## GEMINI

May 22 - June 21

This might be a good time to refer to your roommate, as "Watson" and say things like "The game's afoot!".

## CANCER

June 22 - July 22

Your perfume/cologne is way too strong. Only an idiot wears that stuff. Err, never mind. I'm sure it's quite nice.

## LEO

July 23 - August 23

You will spend most of the day attempting to tie knots in a piece of cord, using only your toes. You will be unable to say why, but this will see like a useful skill to you.

## VIRGO

August 24 - September 23

Tomorrow when you wake up, you'll make an unpleasant discovery. Sometime during the night, the nostril hair fairy visited you.

## LIBRA

September 24 - October 23

Things haven't been going well for you lately, and you're sinking into a fairly ugly bit of self-pity. Don't worry, you'll be normal someday.

## SCORPIO

October 24 - November 23

You need to be a bit more abrupt, to cut down on your interruptions, but make sure you don't stray into crustiness.

## SAGITTARIUS

November 24 - December 23

Ian McHarg once said, "Man is a blind, witless, ... who inflicts lesions upon the earth." You will intellectually reply: "So?"

## CAPRICORN

December 24 - January 23

What you are about to do is wrong. Of course, you will only find that out much later. For now, enjoy yourself!

## Hockey team ready for post season

Andy Milentis  
Sports Editor

With the end of the season right around the corner, the 2001-2002 Redskin hockey team is on fire. Several wins in the late season have boosted the team's morale and kept them looking forward. Those wins add the needed momentum to push



them into the City Tournament this weekend.

The Redskin Hockey Team struggled early on in the season. They were fighting to hold on to their second to last rank. Many of their offensive attempts failed, and goals were scarce. The defense had not come together yet, and opponents scored on odd-man breaks. Before Christmas vacation, the team did not have much to look forward to.

Then things changed for the Redskins. Coach Bob Jesch decided to switch things up. The lines were switched around a bit, and the team began to win.

"I think since Christmas break, we're the best team in the league. We won three straight and just keep on winning. We're definitely tearing it up in the late season," said Sam Meyer, junior.

The high scoring line of Meyer, McGill, and Fudge has been a tremendous success. Lately, the three have collaborated to score the majority of the team's goals. They have been an offensive threat to even the league's best team: Homestead. The team beat the Spartans 6-2 and the Meyer, McGill, and Fudge line did most of the scoring. The Redskins now have an effective squad that is able to pass, shoot and fore check with the best of them.

The team has high hopes for the post season. Playing at the top of their game now will hopefully pay off in the post season. Mike Fudge, junior and leading scorer for the Redskins, said,

"We have a good chance to win City this year, and a possible chance to win State."

Playoffs start this weekend at



DRILLS ARE IMPORTANT for every sports team to succeed. Beau Jesch, junior, skates the puck during practice. The team is preparing for the City Tournament at McMillen Ice Arena this weekend. Photo by: Andy Milentis

McMillen Ice Arena for all six teams in Fort Wayne. Hopefully, the Redskins can finish off the season that started rough with a smooth victory.

## Upcoming Sports Events

Tuesday, February 19

Fresh/Var B Basketball  
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@ North 6:15 P.M.

Friday, February 22

Var/Res B Basketball  
vs. Luers  
@ North 6:15 P.M.

Saturday, February 23

Var G Gymnastics SAC  
Championships  
@ North 11:00 A.M.

Friday, March 1

Var/Res/fresh  
B Basketball  
@ New Haven 6:15 P.M.

## Students relate to Olympic Games

Tiffany Warren  
Reporter

Many hours of nonstop practicing, hard work and determination are some of the things that many athletes have been working on over the past four years.

Although the Olympics come only once every four years, many Americans have had it on their mind much longer than that.

Many students here at North Side had dreams of one day becoming an Olympic games competitor. Tiara Kincade, junior, was one of these students with high hopes. Kincade said,

"I used to wanna run track at the Olympics all my life up until now."

This year the Olympics are at least adding at two new games to its already long

list.

Although there have been many additions, many still feel there should be more additions. Jeremy Billingsley, junior, said

"Football should definitely be added. There is no chance to win a medal or anything for all the hard work, only money."

Samatha Claymiller, freshman, also thinks that there should be more additions made to the Olympic schedule. She said that if she had a say so in the Games, she would add volleyball to the winter Olympics. People work hard trying to become good at the sport, but their efforts often seem as though they are worthless.

Most students at North Side are

glad that the Olympics are moving around constantly. Others think that the Games should not be in America as much as it is. They think that it should give others countries a chance to enjoy the Olympics in their area.

From February 8<sup>th</sup> to the 24<sup>th</sup>, many people, young and old, will enjoy sitting down and tuning into the Olympics. Some enjoy will because the strong efforts shown by the athletes. Others will enjoy watching competitive and sometimes intense sports. And others like Billingsley will just want to watch Americans competing at their best against other countries for the chance to be named number one.

Brittany Billings  
Guest Reporter

After years of dreaming and determination, their spirits began to fade, their bodies started to tire, and their minds were weakening. Years of trying only lead to draining of the body and exhaustion.

This scenario is frequent for many young adults. From four-year-old toddlers to high school and college stars, determined and energetic athletes are becoming distraught by burnout. Today more than seven million girls are chasing their dreams of glory across the USA in the form of a soccer ball. Nearly all of these girls are playing to be the best, to rise above the competition, and to be champions.

These particular skills do not come easily to anybody. Soccer is thought to be one of the most physically demanding sports which is probably a factor that makes burnout most common in this sport.

Endless practices, spirit breaking coaches, and high-expectant parents all lead to one thing: burnout.

By definition, burnout is being drained physically and mentally caused by factors that lead athletes to breakdown such as low self-esteem, too much determination, or pushing the body too far. One of the State's second place Women's Soccer Team members, freshman, Jennifer Stanley, said,

"I have never experienced

complete burnout but only because I have taken breaks for days or even weeks."

Burnout is probably one of the most difficult things to overcome. Many female athletes who have the potential to be great or excel in their sport give up their dreams and goals because of burnout. Many factors prove that all athletes are prone to burnout particularly soccer players.

"I have experienced burnout before, because when a coach wants to win more than you do you push yourself harder. They [the coach] wants you to, even though you are burned out and tired," said sophomore, Raina Lyons.

While years ago burnout was not a problem, it is now increasing at a rapid rate as teen athletes are continuing to push themselves harder and harder. Soccer players are being pulled into the competitive instinct, they are challenging themselves, their bodies, and their minds, more than their bodies can handle. Although this sounds like a positive thing, it can also lead to negativity. While many coaches instruct this kind of behavior and while it may be what teens consider being their starting step toward the future, it can also lead them to collapsing.

Many people believe that teenage athletes are aware of how far they can push themselves before their bodies fail. This may not always be the case

though. Although many teenagers can acknowledge when their body needs to rest or slow down, still there are many who admit to being pushed and pressured by their coaches, parents, or friends, to drive their bodies further and to lead themselves to breakdown.

Despite the fact that it is very difficult to move past burnout, there are many steps that can be taken to prevent it. The major cause of burnout is performing too hard for too long in a sport. For that reason the main step that can be taken to prevent it is to take a break from that particular sport. Also a few steps that can be taken to prevent burnout are to always know body limitations and never push when it is clear that the body cannot take it.

In 1999, the United States Women's National Soccer team played China to gain the title of the World Cup winners. Over 90,000 fans attended this game, and there were over 40 million television viewers. Among many of them were teenage female athletes. Many know that the United States National Team won the World Cup, however many do not know that the number of females who participate in soccer has nearly increased by forty percent since then. It may be the fame, the publicity, or the acknowledgement, but now many more teen female athletes are taking themselves higher and higher. They want to be known as one of these amazing ladies who go for what they want and get it.



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## Surveys in: football #1 to watch

Blane Pressler  
Reporter

Crowds scream and yell as the team roars on. Every year there are numerous sporting events in the school year. Football, baseball, wrestling, basketball, and swimming are some sporting events students attend, just to name a few.

Students go to see friends play, to support North Side, or maybe just to get together with friends. With all the sports to choose from, which ones do students really enjoy attending?

During the fall season there are sports like soccer, football, and volleyball. In the winter, there is basketball, wrestling, and gymnastics. Then in the spring there is men's golf, track, and baseball.

On a Friday night in the fall, there is usually a large attendance at Chambers Field for the football team. With family and friends there to support their friend, brother, son, or whomever they know that plays on the team, the team feels supported.

All of North Side's sports are worthy of praise for their individual effort. According to the surveys taken in the cafeteria, though, there are particular sports

that students would rather attend.

Students from different lunch mods took a survey on what sporting they enjoy attending, and why they go to those particular sports. Students could pick from a list of sports and pick the ones they liked to attend. Then they had a list to choose from on why they went. The last checklist was to find out if students liked going to these sporting events.

According to the survey the football team brings out the biggest crowd. Which to many is not a surprise, since in the fall the stadium is filled with family and friends as they scream for the Redskins. The football team seems to be the dominant sport attendance-wise, over all the others.

Senior, Stephanie Sosenheimer, said,

"The main focus of my football game attendance is usually to catch up with friends from other schools we play and to hang out with my peeps"

The one sporting event that came close behind the football team

was the basketball team with 93 votes from the lunch room survey. The football team received a total of 118 votes from the surveys that students filled out.

Volleyball and wrestling were two that were close behind in the votes with 60 and 39 votes for the two sports. The sports that received some of the lower scores in popularity of attendance were golf and tennis, but the two did receive votes.

The next item that was listed on the survey was a question asking the reasoning for going to a school sport. The surveys given asked if students went to support a friend in a sport, to support North Side, or to go as a social activity. The number one answer was to go to support a friend. The next reason was to go as a social activity, and the last reason was to support North Side.

North Side is home to numerous talented people in the sports world. Students and staff enjoy attending the games and embrace it as a chance to support the Redskins, the school, and fellow North Siders.



PUSHING THE LIMITS of exhaustion, Junior Terrance McKinney works out in body building class. It is important that teen athletes do not get burnt out before their prime.

Photo by: Andy Milentis



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## Honor students feel equipped for more

Sonja Biberstine  
Reporter

said.

Melissa Burgess, English teacher, says the differences between her class schedule for her Honors class and the schedule for the Academic class are very slight.

"One thing is discussion. I try to discuss things more with my Honors class. I push my Honors students faster, so we can cover more. I give them more homework and longer assignments. The research paper is one or two pages longer for the Honors class," Burgess said.

If Burgess learned that her students were not being challenged, she said she would ask the students for ideas. She also would ask other Honors teachers what they did differently and would try to include the new ideas in her class schedule.

Though most of North Side's Honor students are being challenged, very few think the classes are too difficult.

**FRESHMEN HAVE BABIES** when they visit the reality store as a way to find out what life may be like in the real world after high school. In the reality store ducks with numbers on the bottom determine how many children they have. As they make their way through life they experience some of life's little surprises and pay for things that can be easily overlooked.

Photo by: Leslie Hilton



## Elders question teen commitments

Diana Flores  
Reporter

Marriage is a commitment that a person gives to someone they love. Some say young adults should wait at least until they have finished high school to make such a huge step into marriage. Many think that it is impossible for someone so young to fall in love. Although some young adults do not seem to agree with waiting until finishing high school to get married, several high school students are deciding to take that huge step into getting married. But the question is why?

Statistics show that recently the numbers of young teenage marriages are rising ev-

ery minute. Some may not know of it, but there are students within this school. Newlywed senior, Rose Boggs, got married at the age of 18. Boggs knew she was ready to get married to the love of her life, because it felt right. February 30<sup>th</sup> will be 8 months for she and her husband. The two live together and are as happy as can be.

"And we are expecting a baby girl in the summer time," said Boggs.

Some teenagers have marriage in mind but yet are not sure. Freshman, Joshua Mendez, says there is a possibility he might get married. Mendez has known the love of his life for three years now and the two have thought about marriage. He is sure she is the one

for him. When asked if he thinks his marriage will last, he said,

"Yes, because I love her."

Marriage is a huge commitment to take and should only be taken as a huge commitment, and only if people are ready. But for those who have already married or are planning to get married, good luck and enjoy the married life.



## North Side Mission Statement

The mission of North Side High School community is to provide each student with the opportunity to develop the academic, personal, and social skills necessary for graduation and lifelong learning and success.

## Second nine weeks honor roll students

### SENIORS

#### HIGHEST HONORS

Leslie Beaman  
Brian Daniels  
Adam Downey  
Christopher Finkhouse  
Kylie Fisher  
Gabriel Gardner  
Nathan Gladieux  
Sarah Harter  
Kevin Kline  
Nicole Maddaloni  
Marcus Mattern  
Diana McLaughlin  
Mai Nguyen  
Ashley Ohneck  
Donny Putra  
Nicole Richardson  
Stephanie Roth  
Peter Ryan  
Jared Shroeder  
Elizabeth Willer

#### HIGH HONORS

Andrew Burelison  
Lindsay Carpenter  
Christopher Christen  
Kristen Daub  
Justin Deemer  
Jaime Dickerson  
Cory Didrick  
Brandon Duttaroy  
Mark Grabner  
Julia Leon  
Geneva Murdock  
Anthony Racine  
Louise Richardson  
Willie Smith  
Elyse Soehlinger  
Stephanie Sosenheimer  
Cody Strack  
Devin Tibbets  
Ashley Winger  
Nicole Zimmerman

#### HONORS

Eric Ames  
Amber Betz  
Kenneth Blair  
Jacquelin Buckmaster  
Anna Burman  
Lucas Costa  
James Cox  
Matthew Dekker  
Meshia Falkner  
David Frank  
Randy Frederick

### Kathleen Harness

Jamie Henry  
Peni Hoff  
Matthew Homan  
Ciara Jenkins  
Rachel Komanec  
Paul Labrosse  
Jeanie Mahoney  
Nicholas Malone  
Dijana Melik  
Jared Neumann  
Jennifer Nguyen  
Viet Han Nguyen  
Rose Niedermeyer  
Lorie Nuttle  
Sanbonita Ramsey  
Brian Rasor  
Amber Spangler  
Laura Stalter  
Phillip Stein  
Kimberly Steward  
Sarah Stewart  
Maggie Tielker  
Daniel Timm-Zimmerman  
April Wallace  
Brian Walsh  
Kerry White  
Lakisha Woods  
Matthew Woods

### JUNIORS

#### HIGHEST HONORS

Elizabeth Bogenschutz  
Michelle Brady  
Emmery Butler  
John Hageman  
Heather Hartman  
Noah Karbach  
Sandar Kyaw  
Kyle Martinez  
Jarrod Perry  
Patricia Rodda  
Danielle Simerman  
Ryan Smethers  
Satsuki Uda

#### HIGH HONORS

Ashley Alfeld  
Emily Anderson  
Andrea Blackman  
Adam Daniels  
Whitney Ertel  
Karen Freistrotter  
Christy Gehrig  
Monique Goheen  
Amy Gruber  
Kathryn Hinga

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Vanessa Novell  
Trent Parra  
Jonita Peavy  
Matthew Pepple  
Lindsey Pequino  
Cassandra Richardson  
Patrick Shroeder  
Chelsea Staigh  
Matthew Visocky  
Jamie Wilkins

#### HONORS

Allen Ardrey  
Samuel Battell  
Courtney Billings  
Alisha Bochard  
Andrea Brown  
Amber Brundige  
Catherine Burlage  
Danae Cartwright  
Larisa Cruz  
Abigail Demaree  
Demarco Erby  
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Tyronne Flucker  
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Laura Myers  
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Jamarr Parramore  
Sarah Pepple  
Matthew Rasor  
Chelsea Roth  
Lisa Smolek  
Mellisa Snyder

### Clarence Stuart

Pamela Thomas  
Devin Tucker  
Lacie Vanderford  
Alyssa Widner  
Jessica Wildey  
Keith Williams  
Christina Wilson

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#### HIGHEST HONORS

Ryan Beck  
Justin Booth  
Brittany Channess  
Jennifer Church  
Crystal Daugherty  
Nora Didrick  
William Huldeman  
Matthew Hunkler  
Jeremy Lemcke  
Sara Murray  
Peter Nguyen  
Truc chin Nguyen  
Stephen Oetting  
Sarah Ridenour  
Melinda Snyder  
Chaiyaya Tovikkai

#### HIGH HONORS

Lauren Akey  
Sarah Brimm  
Jody Curry  
Amanda Dean  
Andrew Goheen  
Cynthia Harter  
Erin Hobson  
Julie Jackson  
Eric Johnson  
Sarah Komanec  
Ryan Kruger  
Natalie Leach  
Heather Mann  
Evanita Montalvo  
Danielle Moore  
Thien Nguyen  
Katelyn Novell  
Natalie Richardson  
Christian Robinson  
Travis Spangler  
Mindy Stiles  
Anna Vo  
William Washington  
Sara Webster  
Carolyn Word

#### HONORS

Brittany Ackerson

### Aaron Barnhart

John Battell  
Andrea Brown  
Michael Burns  
Micah Churchward  
Alexandra Demetroff  
Danielle Eifrid  
Eric Frank  
Phillip Goble  
Matthew Grabner  
Jennifer Hiser  
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Daniel Lothamer  
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Matthew McComb  
Michael McKinzie  
Hana Menkir  
Megan Meyers  
James Myers  
Amber Nancarrow  
Kristen Newton  
Cherie Parmenter  
Michael Rabadeux  
Dustin Ramsey  
Jena Redwanski  
Jose Romero  
Helen Roth  
Ashley Sweazey  
Gaius Toler  
Rachel Tutwiller  
Brigitte Ulrich  
Calea Zimmer

### FRESHMEN

#### HIGHEST HONORS

Holly Bluhm  
Jessica Brundige  
Daphne Evans  
Thomas Garrett  
Daniel Hicks  
Sean Jenkins  
Chan Kyaw  
Aaron Mahoney  
Julie McCoy  
Sarah Nei  
Daniel Patten  
Melissa Simerman  
Joel Sprunger  
Jerome Toler  
Jonathon Ware  
Victoria Wilkins  
Audrey Winger

#### HIGH HONORS

Chelsea Achenbach  
Jewell Byrt  
Christopher Casiano

### Samantha Claymiller

Cassandra Desmonds  
Allison Dill  
Zachery Eymann  
Jennifer Fudge  
Corinna Garcia  
Heather Garmire  
Mitchell Green  
Elizabeth Hamilton  
Joshua Hargrave  
Corey Harris  
Jeremiah Hicov  
Irma Hustic  
Brandon Jones  
Jaison Kasachke  
Gregory Knuth  
Destiny Lamousin  
Parwin Maradi  
Daniel McLaughlin  
Hilina Menkir  
Mari Muradi  
Munis Muradi  
Megan Oetting  
Gabrielle Putt  
Jacob Ryan  
Gabrielle Selig  
Brittney Shannon  
Kaitlin Shawgo  
Mary Timm-Zimmerman  
Katrina Willer

#### HONORS

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Trevor Baugher  
Mitchell Burcham  
Aaron Cox  
Destinie Davis  
Justin Duttaroy  
Cody Elder  
Joel Escobar  
Brandy Gove  
Joshua Hambrook  
Cordell Hurse  
Brittany Le Clear  
Chuck Li  
Matthew McGill  
Anthony Monnot  
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## Survey says...

Meteorologist claim they are right 85% of the time.

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50% of marshmallows consumed in the U.S. have been toasted.

In the next seven days, 800 Americans will be injured by their jewelry.

Did you know that you are more likely to be killed by a champagne cork than by a poisonous spider.

Most fatal car accidents happen on a Saturday.

## Quote of the Day

"Behold the turtle. He makes progress only when he sticks his neck out."  
-James Bryant Conant

## Fighting for the right to be heard



Melinda Lauer  
Captain-in-Charge

Diversity... I will briefly touch on this sensitive subject. The occurrence that left everyone with a defined opinion is still a subject to those fighting their beliefs. On Thursday, February 14th North Side had good intentions of bringing students closer together with an assembly focusing on diversity but created uproar instead. Every class I entered was met with an opportunity to discuss their thoughts on the speaker's performance and representation. As I sat there each time just listening, absorbing the rage and frustration people had, I widened my mind to what others have lived and experienced. In spite of the fact that some students were upset about the incident, I am glad that this made everyone express the truths that they feel and endure every day.

I soon expected many editorials to be delivered to the Journalism room and prepared the editors to make room on their pages for them. This paper does not contain any editorials, though. One reporter asked me if he could do a story on this topic, but I had to reject his idea although it would have been balanced and written with the purest ethical conduct. The entire incident spilled over onto my mediocre attitude making me now feel something. I do not usually feel this passionate about anything (one of my downfalls), but this enraged me. This newspaper by the students and for the students is not being used for its full potential. I now feel like I have to join the fight. I want the opinions of students to be heard not suppressed.

Although I am sitting in a classroom, listening to my "Jimmy Eat World" CD, and getting my thoughts out in such a way as to not offend, I cannot help but think that *The Northerner* is a business. Teachers are always reminding students that they are preparing us for the "real world." The world is where we have more responsibility, must wear respectable clothing, and know how to deal with the existing society. This business would never refuse to put articles of each person's opinion in the newspaper, if it were in the "real world." Since I am in a classroom and not out there, outside where no legal boulder can hinder the multitudinous amount of opinions waiting to escape and be acknowledged, I shall do my best to prove that I can do something about this.

School has limitations, most agreed upon, but to deny students, parents, and others the right to read and decide for themselves how to feel is not right. These thoughts and opinions are being denied, because they might disrupt the school. If it disrupts the school, then is not this subject matter significant? Does this not mean that there are strong feelings that need to be brought forth and let out?

I am only one person, but when my role models tell me one person can bring about change, I believe that. And I start to believe in myself. It's true, I know, but feeling so strongly about this makes me feel that nothing can tare me down or distract me.

## Common bond unites strangers and students

Sharon Ledo  
Spanish Teacher

On the morning of February 20, I went to my mailbox and found a form from Elizabeth Willer, the opinion editor of *The Northerner* requesting that I write an article for the regularly featured "From the desk of..." column. I chuckled to myself when I saw that if I wasn't able to accept the assignment, I was supposed to notify the newspaper no later than February 19. I guess that settled it. I would be writing something for the newspaper. The question then became "What do I write?"

What I challenge, I thought - expressing my opinion in the newspaper for all to read. The form said I could write about anything such as my job, my experiences or another interesting subject of my opinion. I chose the third one: another interesting subject (in my opinion).

I am actively involved with the North Side High School Alumni Association and would like to talk a little about it. Have you ever noticed the Alumni Association office on the circle of the second floor as you turn down the 230 corridor? In that little office is a multitude of information about many of the former Redskins that walked the halls where all of you walk now. It is fascinating to learn about the life journeys of people who spent so many hours of their teen-age years in the very building where I spent mine (and you are spending yours). The files and the computer archives connect all of us, and I want to take this opportunity to tell you about some of those connections and encourage you to keep them in place as you continue your life's journey.

I invite all of you to visit the alumni link to the North Side website where you will read a wonderful poem (whose sentiments you may not be ready yet to fully appreciate), and you can learn about the

purpose of the association. If you read the mission/purpose statement of the association, you will note that the primary purpose of the organization is to support the students, staff and educational endeavors of North Side. I bet that very few of you are aware that there are so many strangers giving their time and talents on your behalf. These "strangers" feel a bond with you because of the shared connection to North Side.

Of particular interest to all students presently attending North Side is the area of grants and scholarships. Did you know that the alumni association helps students pay for summer workshops, educational travel and even rewards students who have improved their grades? It also often helps teachers purchase equipment needed in their course offerings. Additionally, the alumni award over \$7000 in various scholarships every year, and information about those scholarships can

be obtained by visiting the website or inquiring in the Guidance Office.

The North Side High School Alumni Association boasts of 1573 active members and when we celebrate our 75th year anniversary, we anticipate more former North Siders will join. As students presently attending North Side, I encourage all of you to remember that you, too, will one day be "alumni." You will have an opportunity to become members and give back to the school and support students who follow in your footsteps down the halls you walk today. Please do! I look forward to one day sharing with you not only my North Side pride and the memories of experiences I had as a student here in the sixties, but also the satisfaction of working along side of you in support of our fellow Redskins yet to come.

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## Students primp and preen during class

Blane Pressler  
Reporter

Gel, lipstick, mirrors, hairbrushes, finger nail polish, hairspray, chapstick, makeup; these are just a few of the contents of students' backpacks and purses. Before coming to school, students get ready by getting dressed, washing their face, and brushing their teeth, just the general everyday routine.

Most people groom themselves thoroughly before leaving the house. Occasionally people do not get up at the time they planned and begin to run a little late. Rushing through the morning trying to get ready the best they can with such short time is the end result.

On those days, many feel that it would be all right to groom themselves during class time because of the late morning.

"I understand fixing your hair," said senior, Jacque Jauregui.

But she said that sometimes people go too far by putting on all of their makeup in class. She said she does not like to see people waste the time doing their nails in school when they could do it at home.

Several feel that they should be able to groom themselves whenever they like. Some students and faculty do not agree with the way students take class time for something less than academic. Dee Herman, Health Teacher, said she really does not have many problems with students grooming in class. There were a couple incidents that she did not appreciate though.

"One girl dropped nail polish on the floor, and spilt it all over."

Most teachers like their students to pay attention in class and do not appreciate the added distraction of students brushing hair, doing makeup, or anything else that is not related to learning.

Students may have a different opinion about the subject and feel school is also a social time. They want to look their best, because no matter where someone is they are making an impression on someone else.

Teachers like students' attention, and some days they are distracted from their work for one reason or another. It would be nearly impossible to keep an entire class attentive; there will always be a distraction. Whether it is grooming products or note writing, teachers will try to control it, but it will never be completely diminished.

## Time is often used impractically

Tiffany Warren  
Reporter

Sitting on the sofa pigging out on junk food while watching "Saved by the Bell" reruns figuring that that is the best way to spend a Saturday night. But think again, tomorrow holds an extremely important test in Math, and it is also the due date of that five-page research paper given at least three weeks ago by the English teacher of every student's nightmare.

After deciding that it can wait until eight or so, the books are finally cracked open. Even though the paper got finished and the test was briefly studied for, they both received just barely enough for a passing grade.

To procrastinate is to put off doing something until further time or to postpone or delay needlessly.

Many teenagers as well as several staff members are constantly having this problem. Some have this problem because of jobs, sporting practice, or the most common, sheer laziness. Chrissy Michels, juniors, said,

"Usually I don't do my homework at all or I wait until the class before to do it. It's mostly because I'm just lazy."

For Michels, procrastination does nothing but have bad results in store for her. She said she is now failing two classes because she does not turn in her work on time.

Others, however, do not find procrastination necessarily an enemy. Among these unusual people is the Drama and Speech teacher, Claryn Myers. Myers said that the longer she procrastinates, the better her outcome is.

"I find I work better under pressure, it helps me to stay focused," said Myers.

Most students agree that homework is probably the most common thing that they procrastinate on.

Criminology and World Ge-

ography teacher, Casey Kolkman said that he tries to give students enough time so that they can finish their work, but not enough that they procrastinate until just before it is due.

"If a teacher gives a student a project, but it isn't due for two to three weeks," said Kolkman, "you might as well of given a week for the project because nobody is going to start that early."

Although for some people procrastination can be a good thing, for many others it is not. When students procrastinate they do not leave enough time for the job to get done the right way.

Another task students tend to procrastinate on time after time is their chores.

"I have a problem mostly with cleaning my room and doing chores," said Melissa Huis, sophomore. "It's just not one of the top priorities that I want to do."

Waiting until the last minute to do household chores is a very common thing to most people. Jobs or tasks that have no entertainment value tend to be the ones that are procrastinated on the most. Math teacher, Wayne Trout, said that he also has a problem with doing chores at the time they are supposed to be done. Trout said,

"The house just doesn't scream back at you reminding you what needs to be done. It's pretty patient with you."

Instead of doing what needs to be done, television, friends, and jobs consume many of today's teens. Laziness is also a major factor.

Teenagers need to learn how to become more organized and responsible. By setting the priorities straight and sticking to them, teenagers will learn how to manage their time.

### Off the record....

What would you ask the person who knows everything?



Donna  
Riethmiller

Staff

"How did he get such knowledge?"



Marcus Mattern

Senior

"The meaning of life?"



Scott Eubank

Junior

"What my future holds?"



Eric Frank

Sophomore

"Why am I so freakin' sexy?"



Allison Dill

Freshman

"What's for supper?"

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## Couples down in the dumps

Katie Klein  
Reporter

Dumped by the one's they love, relationships between teenagers come and go. Many people can be committed to each other and really care, and there are also some who just want a boyfriend or girlfriend to have someone-not because they really love the person. Amanda Fromm, freshman, said, "Being with someone makes me feel really special."

ter than actually being involved with someone and having the relationship be completely miserable. Fromm said, "I think that it is better to be single, because you don't always have to worry about being committed to someone else."

A sad thing is seeing friends with their boyfriend or girlfriend, because it usually makes people feel like they do not have any friends. Their friends may be all over their boyfriend or girlfriend. Fromm said,

"It makes me feel like a loner, because my friends are leaving me out

of things."

Being dumped makes most people feel really hurt, but for others, they just do not care. Fromm said,

"I was mad, because I always tried to spend all of my time finding things to do with him. He just blows me off and dumps me like I am nothing."

Many students are deeply affected when they are dumped, while others are completely unfazed. It just depends on how much he or she really loves that certain someone in their lives.



**SCREECH, AHHS, CRASH:** the all too familiar sounds of an accident taking place. The parking lots of North Side High School are filled with cars already involved in these predicaments. These are just a few of the many before and after shots of car accidents.

Photos by: Christina Lauer and Ashley Alfeld

## Students experience car chaos

Christina Lauer  
Reporter

Brave and daring teens choose the dangerous life as they hop onto the highway, playing their music loud, and ready for anything that comes their way.

Whether it is cops or an adrenaline-rush car game teens are always up to a challenge. Junior, Scott Eubank, said,

"I've raced from one side of Fort Wayne to the other going down Clinton Street."

Not to mention Eubank has been pulled over a number of times. Eubank said,

"I have been pulled over three times within a year and a half, once for speeding, broken headlight and

also for four wheeling into someone's yard. I never had a fine; the cops just told me that they will let me off this time."

This does not stop Eubank from his crazy driving ways. This also does not stop Junior, Christy Gehrig, from her crazy driving ways either. Gehrig said,

"I have played Chinese Fire Drill. This is when everyone in the car gets out at a stop light and then they all have to try and get back in the car before the light turns green. I remember when I played this once when the light turned green. There was still two people outside of the car, but we just drove off."

Even though cops have not stopped these drivers, there is one

thing that at least puts a scare in some teens and their parents which is the "good old" curb. Jamie Fanning, junior did more than just hit the curb; she ran up the curb. Fanning said,

"I remember my dad was screaming at me and telling me to stop the car."

Now that Fanning has had her nerve-wrecking interaction with the curb, she tends to drive slower when turning the corners. Jennifer Hiser, sophomore tends to take her turns slower as well. Hiser said,

"I hit a curb. My dad did not really yell at me; he actually took the blame for it, because he was distracting me by yelling at me. It made me nervous, so now I just take my turns slower."



**WORKING DILIGENTLY TOGETHER,** junior, Mandy Thatcher and, sophomore, Maria Rojas are in Amy Marqueling's Earth Space Science class. Although Thatcher is physically challenged, she is still able to do almost everything that someone without a disability can do.

Photo by: Mel Lauer

## The hardships of being physically challenged

Diana Flores  
Reporter

All around the world there are physically challenged students who attend school. Most students think that being handicapped and what they think it is to be. Are handicapped students comfortable in the schools environment? And does our school have all the proper equipment for our physically challenged students?

Hallways here are spacious but can get crowded at times during the passing period. Imagine trying to get a wheelchair through the hallway with all the other students pushing and shoving to get to class. Restrooms also can be a problem for the physically challenged. For instance bathroom ramps would make a huge difference for those who are in need. And also ramps located in the outside entrance would be very helpful. The school's elevator would seem one of the best ways to get around in the building, but really it is one of the most complicated ways to get around in the building. Some think of the elevator being complicated by the faculty it can only be used with the key, and also the elevator is a long way away from almost everything in the building.

"The school should be more equipped for the handicapped," said teaching assistant Lisa Perkins.

Perkins works with one of the physically challenged students here at school. Not only are there issues with the schools environment, but also the way they are treated. Some of the several things that Perkins has noticed

about the physically challenged is that most of them are not treated equally like the other students. Junior, Amanda Thatcher, has experienced almost every situation possible being handicapped and still attending school.

"We need to be treated with more respect, because others do not understand what it is like," said Thatcher.

Thatcher also brought up the issue that most people think that handicapped people can not do anything. Any physically challenged student has the ability to accomplish anything that any normal person can do. Thatcher mentions that others are sometimes ignorant, and they do not realize that people who are physically challenged need help all the time. But a little rudeness does not bring Thatcher down; she just keeps going and concentrating on her schoolwork.

"I sometimes think twice about laughing when I see a physically challenged student," said sophomore, Nakia Moore.

Moore feels and thinks no differently about a physically challenged student than a regular student. Moore feels that students should all be treated equally no matter what position.

Many students who choose to pick on those who suffer from a physical problem are the ones who end up paying for it in the end. The next time there is a chance encounter with a physically challenged student in the hallway or classroom, try not to be insensitive. If they need help, then help them out. Remember the mind is not handicapped, and physically challenged people do have feelings, too. Everyone can all make a difference. Why not start now?



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## A new era of art and rhyme

Blane Pressler  
Reporter

Poems, paintings, short stories, sketches; there is so much to the world of the arts. Students here have access to these art forms not only through classes, but also outside of school. Students express themselves in individual ways.

Writing is just one method students use to expose themselves in an artistic way. Writing takes many forms like short stories, poems, novels, and many other written structures.

Poetry is just one expressive

writing form that happens to be part of the sophomore English curriculum. Every sophomore is required to turn in a poetry portfolio. Several students enjoy this assignment, because it is a chance to stretch from the normal everyday curriculum.

Students begin writing early on in life at elementary school; this is where numerous students find their writing skills. Sophomore, Steve Oetting, wrote for the magazine *Kids Life*, his short story "Monster of the Neighborhood" was published.

Junior, Andrea Blackman, has

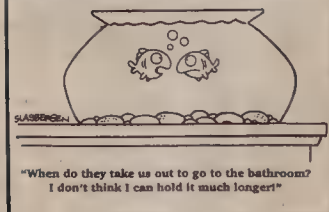
had two poems published by two different books. Her first poem, "Dreams," was published in the *Anthology of Young American Poets*. Her second poem was featured in the book, *Indiana Poets Association*.

Art appears in many different forms in the world, including paintings, drawings, and sketches. Senior, Megan Forsythe, enjoys sketching art work and other activities that include being creative.

There are so many dimensions to the world of art; each gives people a chance for self-expression and individualism.

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This is a good day to use the expression "just dandy" as much as possible. Tomorrow: "okey dokey" day.

## Men's b-ball team struggles for excellence



Dan Vance  
Guest Reporter

Since 1927, the Redskin men's basketball team has established a tradition of excellence. Beginning in 1933, teams have won many titles, including 21 Sectional, 12 Regional and 3 Semi-State crowns while racking up a record of 954-646. Unfortunately, the recent teams have failed to live up to the long-standing tradition. However, over the past several years as times got tough, there has been an ominous light at the end of the tunnel. That light shines brighter than ever today.

That light first appeared in 1996, when five current North Side basketball players first established an incredible bond with each other. As sixth graders at Northwood Middle School, juniors Jody Folks, Roberto Fortes, Greg Helmkamp, Patrick Shown and David Stineburg first stepped on a court together. Even at this time, the five earned acclaim from their then future coaches Glenn Heaton and Steve Smethers.

When basketball season began in late October of 1999, these five were among an elite group of freshmen that dominated the local competition. Though they were successful early in their first high school season, the team reached a peak on December 4 when they captured their first championship. The team traveled to Belmont where they first defeated the Wayne freshmen team and then edged out a highly respected Elmhurst reserve team thanks to the superb inside play of Shown. The win against Elmhurst gave the team the title of Belmont Freshmen/Sophomore Tournament Champions.

"I really enjoyed those kids," said former coach Karl Grau. "They really brought out the best in each other that year."

As freshmen, the team finished 14-7.

Last season as sophomores, the five led the reserve team to a 7-14 record in their second year under Grau. The 2000-2001 season also marked the first time the five were split up. After losing several players, varsity coach Mike Novell moved Fortes up to the varsity level where he averaged 3.25 points over twelve games.

"I learned more that if the junior varsity has a good practice, it will bring the varsity up," said Fortes.

During their seven win sea-

son, Fortes, Folks and Shown led the team in scoring, averaging 7.2, 6.6, and 5.4 points per game respectively. During the final ¼ of the season, both Shown and Helmkamp were given a chance to get a small amount of varsity playing time. Near the end of the season, the reserve team hit a snag when leading rebounder Shown injured his back when he took a charge. He missed the final five games of the season.

To begin the 2001-2002 season, the five were faced with a few new challenges. Not only did they have to deal with the now permanent loss of Fortes, but also with the addition of new reserve coach Allen Travis. This would mark the first year in their high schools careers without Grau as their coach.

"We knew it would be difficult with a new coach," said Stineburg. "But we managed to use the bond that we had to help lead the team."

Starting the season on top, another tie was broken when Folks was moved up to the varsity level to provide key minutes off the bench. Soon, Folks found himself dominating the Summit Athletic Conference with his dangerous three-point shot and confidence. Folks soon became a key starter and role player in the varsity lineup.

"As the only two juniors, me and Jody hang out a lot," said Fortes. "We help each other with our weaknesses."

Near mid-season, two of the five experienced career high performances against Northrop. On Thursday, January 24 in the reserve game, Shown put forth his best reserve effort by leading the team with 18 points, 6 rebounds, 3 steals, 2 blocks and an assist. The following night in the varsity game, Folks scored a season high 29 points. On this night, Folks became just the fifth player to score over 25 points in the last five years at North Side.

Helmkamp, Shown and Stineburg helped the reserve team end their season by dominating Bishop Luers and finishing with a conference record of 7-2, tops in the SAC. During Sectional play, each of the five received varsity playing time.

Now, the tide is set for the five to lead Redskin basketball back to the glory it once possessed.

"We [the five of us] are going to bring the team together like a family," said Folks. "As a family, we'll have no doubts about each other on or off the court."

Now, Folks, Fortes, Helmkamp, Shown and Stineburg must prepare for the future. Their journey has been long, yet fulfilling. Only time will tell what level these five can reach now that they are together again.



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## Athletes strive for dollar signs

Paul Short  
Reporter

As everybody knows, most professional sports players get paid way too much money.

However some are not making as much as they want. Like in the WNBA (Women's National Basketball Association), salaries range from 10,000 to 50,000 dollars. But if you are a top star such as retired Cynthia Cooper or Los Angeles Lisa Leslie the pay is in six figure digits. Since the NBA started first their players get paid more. They average from 2.37 million to 2.64 million dollars. Someone like Michael Jordan gets paid about 63 million per season. Over a couple of seasons that adds up to a lot.

The average earned income in major league baseball is about 800,000 dollars per sea-

son. Like the other professional leagues, the best players get paid more like Barry Bonds gets to 30 million per season, but the new players who are most promising can get up to 85-90 million dollars per season. They used to have a women's baseball team way back from 1943 to 1954. The movie *A League Of Their Own* is based off that period of time. These days, the girls have a softball team and for right now it only goes up to college level. Sophomore, Ben Burdett, said,

"It's ridiculous, you getting paid 30 million dollars to play something you love."

The NFL is also another high paying sport. They are not only paid a salary but also if their talent is exceptional, for touchdowns, yardage, sacks, tackles, interceptions, etc. If they do not play to their full ability, they do not get paid as much, but if they do exceed their talents they get over

loaded with cash. That is the reason so many athletes think they can drop out of college; they think they will get paid a lot. In order to that, though, a person must play to his or her best ability every time the uniform is worn, or there is no pay. Assistant, Keith Scott said,

"It's an outrage. Back when professional sports first started it used to be for entertainment, but now it is more of a business. I truly don't believe anyone is worth that much money."

Men's and women's golf are just about the same as far as payment goes. They play in tournaments and get paid according to the placement they get. A higher placing in a tournament equals higher pay, the lower the placement, the lower the pay.

Basically every sport is the same according to payment; if someone plays well that person gets paid well.

## School sports split in two

Devon Reeder  
Reporter

As you all know, two squads are divided whenever a sport is played; everyone knows these two teams as Reserve and Varsity squads. However, freshmen playing on a varsity team are rarely heard of in high school or college. The requirements for a senior to obtain a Varsity role are already acquired; however, requirements for freshmen to play a Varsity role take time and more maturity and responsibility. A senior who played basketball, a freshman who played football, and a basketball coach gave their opinions on how they felt about freshmen playing on varsity squads.

Cameron Smith, senior and varsity basketball player, said,

"I think that if the individual is good enough to play, then it's a good decision. Sometimes though, freshmen

aren't mature in certain game situations, and they tend to have setbacks."

Selwyn Lymon, freshman and varsity football player, said,

"I think it's good, if they have the ability to do it."

Ken Battershell, Criminology Teacher and Reserve Basketball Coach, said, "Freshmen need to learn more about the game before they step into the varsity role; some freshmen are not mature enough to take the game seriously."

The results tell it all. So the conclusion is this: It is up to the freshmen if they dominate the Varsity roles. It is also up to the freshmen for succession or not.

Whether it is strategic sports like basketball and soccer, or team sports like volleyball and tennis, freshmen are good in everything they do.

## Interesting Quotes From the World of Sports

"Baseball is a lot like the Army, there aren't many individuals. About the only difference is that baseball players get to stay in nice hotels instead of barracks."

-Bill Lee

"Baseball is like church. Many attend, but few understand."

-Wes Westrum

The hitter asks the owner to give him a big raise so he can go somewhere he's never been, and the owner says "You mean third base?"

-Henny Youngman

"Baseball is a lot like life. The line drives are caught, the squibbles go for base hits. It's an unfair game."

-Rod Kanehl

"You spend a good piece of your life gripping a baseball, and it turns out it was the other way around all the time."

-Jim Bouton

"Football isn't a contact sport, it's a collision sport. Dancing is a contact sport."

-Duffy Daugherty

"Most football teams are temperamental. That's 90% temper and 10% mental."

-Doug Plank

"Football features two of the worst aspects of American life, violence and committee meetings"

-George Will

"The only reason I don't like playing in the World Series is I can't watch myself play."

-Reggie Jackson

"We didn't lose the game; we just ran out of time."

-Vince Lombardi

"Sports don't build character... they reveal it."

-Unknown

"If winning isn't everything, why do they keep score?"

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**Features-** Downloading music over the net is a common trend, but where are the best sites to find music?



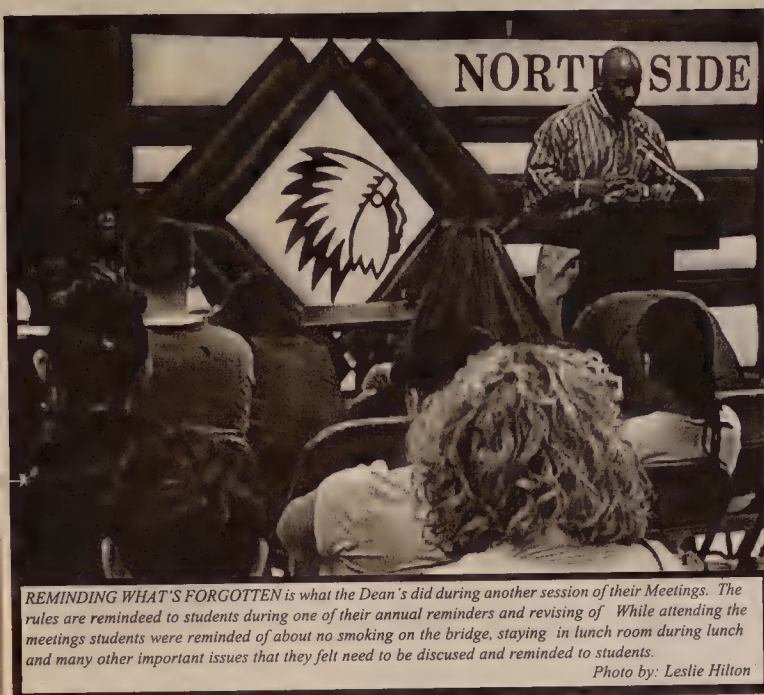
**Sports-** Men's track team begins season with plenty of practice behind them and are ready to make their marks.

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REMINDING WHAT'S FORGOTTEN is what the Dean's did during another session of their Meetings. The rules are reminded to students during one of their annual reminders and revising of. While attending the meetings students were reminded of about no smoking on the bridge, staying in lunch room during lunch and many other important issues that they felt need to be discussed and reminded to students.

Photo by: Leslie Hilton

## Public Law 221 takes effect

Crystal Daugherty  
Guest Reporter

Beginning in the spring of 2003, a new law will be put into effect for all Fort Wayne Community Schools. This law is known as PL221. It was actually started last year.

This law calls for a group of committee members from each school to evaluate its mission statement and student success.

"[PL221] is the accountability legislation for the State of Indiana for schools," said Principal Laura Taliaferro.

This law makes the school responsible for student achievement as evidenced by ISTEP scores. All schools will be reviewed in 2005, to see whether the plan was followed and if it worked.

The North Side committee is made up of 19 people that includes 10 teachers, two parents, six other staff members, students, and one community member. The group has worked diligently to put together North Side's plan.

"Schools will do a self analysis to determine where we are, where we want to be, and plan to get there," said Taliaferro.

Schools are to aim for certain performance levels or categories of achievement. These levels are: exem-

plary progress, commendable progress, academic progress, academic watch, and academic probation (in descending order). North Side is striving to reach commendable progress by the year 2005.

Some of North Side's main focuses right now are: student achievement, closing achievement gaps, student behavior, and student plans after high school. Future goals include: 100% graduation rate, 100% of all students passing ISTEP, 100% of all students earning an Academic Honors diploma at graduation, all students, staff, and parents treated with care and respect, more student attendance at extra-curricular programs and all students being prepared for post-secondary experiences.

There are many external forces that could play a part in the delay of student achievement and in North Side reaching its goals. A major factor that affects North Side's performance is the socio-economic status of the student body. Thirty seven percent of the student body is either on free or reduced lunch. In a recent survey, it was concluded that 45% of the student population was employed.

"This is a time for students, parents, and staff to work together to increase student achievement," said Taliaferro.

gap was noticed between minority and majority student scores.

During a spring workshop, several students agreed that something needed to be done to reduce the gap between minority-majority students.

Taliaferro says that hopefully, PL221 will affect students in a positive way.

"We want to get young people to do the best job possible here, to get ready for life after high school," said Taliaferro.

Although the action plan for North Side is not yet finalized, all students and staff are encouraged to become aware of PL221 and what is going on with it. Parental participation is an essential factor for students' success.

"We need to put more energy into making sure all students are learning," said Taliaferro.

Of course, the plan is not perfect. In order for North Side to achieve its goals, students, staff, parents and community representatives must cooperate. The plan right now is focused on staff development. However, student achievement is the primary goal. It is expected that the staff training and development, students' grades and achievement will increase.

School plans were due to Fort Wayne Community Schools downtown and the FW EA by March 1, 2002. So far, North Side has gotten superlatives, but the plan still has to be reviewed by higher boards.

"During the workshop, we looked over statistics of minorities and whites and decided what to do to fill the gap," said, junior, Terrance McKinney.

The decision resulted in a Peer Tutor program for all students. Junior, Emmary Butler, said,

"A lot of students won't come and get help, but they know they need it. They won't use the tutoring program."

All students are welcome to use the tutoring program. Tutors are available Monday through Friday, during lunch mods in the Career Resource Room as well as before and after school. Eric McCarrol, Peer Mediator Coordinator, is the overseer of the program. Any questions should be directed to McCarrol in Room 228.

## Disrespect distracts others

Tiffany Warren  
Reporter

Still tapping a pencil on the desk, the teacher politely asks the same student for the fourth time to stop.

The tapping and the talking throws off the concentration of many students who could have learned more and passed the test easily without the rude disruptions.

Disrespect is a problem that affects many students as well as staff. Disrespect is frequently seen from a student to a teacher, from a student to another student, or can even be seen by a teacher towards a student.

Although no one really knows the reason why some people are disrespectful, many people have their own theories.

"In a lot of cases, they have anger problems and they don't know how to handle it," said Dean Keith Scott, "so they tend to vent it out on other people."

However, Susan Deuel, Substitute Teacher, said that when she substitutes many students intentionally disobey. Deuel said,

"Students are disrespectful to substitutes, because they don't consider them real teachers. They also think there will be no consequences for misbehaving for substitutes."

When teachers have to take time out to deal with disrespectful students, it takes away learning time that other students may want and usually need.

"When students make noises and talk back, the teacher yells back at them, and I just lose all concentration," said Trisha Moreno, freshman.

Moreno said that she thinks that many disrespectful students are that way just for the simple fact that they do not want to be at school. They might also be even screaming out for attention.

Matt Burns, freshman, said

there is a good reason as to why it tends to be disrespectful at times. Burns said there are some teachers who are nice and treat him with respect, so he does the same. Burns said,

"Other teachers, though, don't listen to students and are always on a power trip."

Burns said when his teachers learn to treat him with respect, then he would do the same.



### North Side Mission Statement

The mission of North Side High School community is to provide each student with the opportunity to develop the academic, personal, and social skills necessary for graduation and lifelong learning and success.

## Peer mediators solve conflicts of life

Diana Flores  
Reporter

Helping others solve problems is a result of Peer Mediation. Teens suffer from several problems every day and who better to help them with their problems than a friend? A student who feels and thinks the way another student feels and thinks is more likely to help and give better advice than an adult. Many students are peer pressured with fighting, sex, drugs, etc. Peer mediation is an outstanding program to help those who are in need.

Peer mediation is controlled and handled by Eric McCarrol who is a professional Mediator. With the Peer Mediation Program, Mr. McCarrol has noticed many students helping each other with their daily problems. His thoughts of peers helping each other solve problems are positive. He thinks that it is wonderful that they help each other and most of all that they trust one another. Peer pressure runs from various schools and

neighborhoods all over.

"I think the kind of peer pressure at North Side is the same as any other school or place," said McCarrol.

The thoughts of students about peer pressure are different from the thoughts of adults. Sophomore, Fadzil Masri, has seen and heard of some issues of peer pressure here at school but thinks it is not a huge problem. Masri tries not to hang around the wrong crowd, so that peer pressure does not become an issue. He thinks for those who help students solve problems are good people, and that they are doing the right thing by helping each other.

"I think Peer Mediation is positive, and it helps more students than what most people think," said Masri.

Student Conflicts are not necessarily a huge problem but could become one at any time. For those in need of help, they should always go to a friend first. If help is still needed then the Peer Mediation Program is open for anyone. The Peer Mediation Program is there to help any student with whatever peer pressure problem they might have.

## Survey says...

Coca-Cola is used to clean up blood spills on highways.

400 quarter pounders can be made made out of one cow.

A bowl of Wheaties contains twice as much sodium as a bowl of potato chips.

A can of Diet Coke will float in water but a can of regular Coke will not.

A can of SPAM is opened every 4 seconds

A company in Taiwan makes dinnerware out of wheat so you can eat your plate.

A Saudi Arabian woman can get a divorce if her husband doesn't give her coffee.

A typical American eats 28 pigs in their lifetime.

Almonds are a member of the peach family.

Americans spend 10 million dollars each day on potato chips.

An average of thirteen boxes of jello are purchased everyday in the U.S.

Astronauts are not allowed to eat beans before they go into space because passing wind in a space suit damages them.

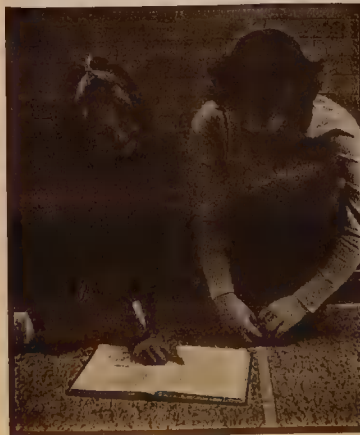
Chewing gum while eating onions will keep you from crying.

Coca-Cola was originally green.

## Quote of the Day

"If you've ever really been poor, you remain poor at heart all your life."

-ARNOLD BENNETT



HELPING ONE ANOTHER get the job done is what is seen here. Jamie Wilkins, junior, is seen helping Amber Tracy, sophomore, with her Latin assignment. Students at North can seek out help with the homework in many places including friends, teachers, and the Career Resource Room during lunch mods.

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## School speeds into summer

Diana Flores  
Reporter

Attending school 180 days a year Monday through Friday can sometimes be tiring. Towards the end of the year, students get the jitters and are ready to burst out of the school's doors. From students to teachers, attitudes change due to the spring weather and the school year coming to an end. With less than seven weeks to go and several things to do, teachers and students prepare for summer break.

But before the end of the year arrives, there are several things to do in the classroom and many activities to look forward to. For many students, the end of the year is just another good-bye until next year, but for most seniors

it will be an end of the year good-bye that they will never forget.

The smell of spring is in the air, and students cannot wait until the last day of school to arrive. At the end of the year, there are always several fun activities to look forward to. Pride Day is the most popular day of the year that students and teachers enjoy. Most students and teachers are put under a lot of stress due to the end of the grading period at the end of the year. Students have two reactions at the end of the year due to their jitters: 1) they do not work as hard, and 2) they start to panic.

"A lot of kids wait until the end of the year to catch up on their work, so they can get a passing grade," said Jennifer Vaughan, Special Education

Department Head.

Towards the end of the year, Vaughan notices that most of her students do not work as hard as they did in the beginning of the year.

Although all be happy to get out of school, students and staff will miss each other over the summer. One thing that Vaughan will miss is her conversations with her students and especially working helping them.

For seniors their last year in high school will be unforgettable. Seniors are ready for their last day of school and also they cannot wait to walk with their cap and gown on as they show others they made it all the way. Senior, Anna Burman, is ready and excited to get out of school. Burman admits she will miss most of the people here at NorthSide.

"High School was not too bad just boring," said Burman.

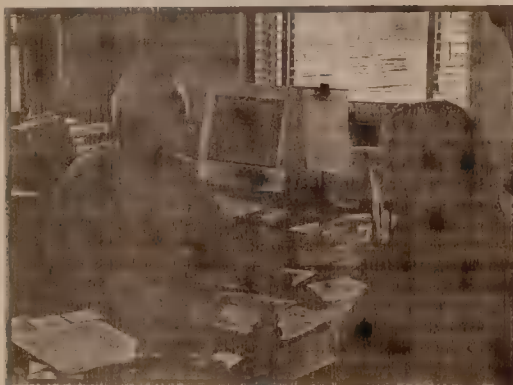
All of the students are impatient to start their summer vacation, but one thing is for sure, no one is more excited than the seniors who have been waiting for four years now. To all seniors good luck. All a hard work that paid off at the end of the year.



SUMMER IS APPROACHING and Seniors are living up their last days here at North. The end of the school year requires many preparations for students and seniors. Some students begin their preparations early. Freshman, Jenna Birely, is already preparing for her summer break. Seen here Birely is getting a headstart cleaning out her locker.

Photo by: Leslie Hilton

In the last issue Jessica Gannon should have been included with the freshmen as a part of the highest honors students. Tiffany Warren, Sharon Wight, Tameka Williams, and Derik Wittenburg were all to be included with the freshmen as honors students.



DEADBEAT DROPOUTS FIND a way. Mr. Anderson and other Administrators help students plan for life after high school. While visiting Administrators, students discuss college, job opportunities and possible classes for the future.

Photo by: Leslie Hilton

## Be cool, stay in school

Katie Klein  
Reporter

Dropping out is a sensitive issue for NorthSide, because there is a big percentage of students who have dropped out over the past two years.

There are many options that the students can take, so that we can decrease the percentage of drop outs that there are. Laura Taliferro, Principal, said.

Some of the options that there are instead of dropping out are: Anthis Career Center, having a reduced schedule, getting tutored, etc. Taliferro said.

There are also other programs that can meet their needs.

The first step is Withdrawal Prevention/AT Mandatory. This begins with counseling through Student Services personnel, there is a guidance component that includes planning for the future, tutoring, SWS, reduced schedule, Bowen Center, Anthis Career/ACC and Academics, Continuing Education, and Sylvan Learning Center. The second step is to find another program that may fit their needs such as: Marc Outlaw, GED, Ivy Tech, Richard Milburn, for a full-time schedule at Anthis Career Center. Taliferro said.

There are ways to get them [these procedures] in place. We need to research all options soon with agencies, so we know for sure how they operate. Then within two to three weeks, there is a follow-up call to see how they are doing."

If someone does withdraw to one of these programs, there will be a follow up call to help enroll that student for the next nine weeks which would try to include some sort of opportunity.

There are many reasons why students do drop out. For instance, Kevin Poff, former student, dropped out because he missed too much school. Every day he had too much work to catch up on, and his grades were really bad. He started

to fail his classes. This all happened because he did not care about school. He thought that he might be able to actually accomplish something by dropping out of school, but he was wrong. Poff said, "I realized that I should have listened to my parents, but I was stupid. I thought dropping out would make me cool, yet it made me work harder to get somewhere in life today."

After students drop out, then they often realize that they did make a mistake. Most of the students who drop out usually do realize this. Poff said,

"The biggest mistake that I made when I dropped out would be that I don't get to see my parents smile when I get my high school diploma."

Usually after students drop out, they wish that they did not, because then they do not get to be with all of their friends. They do not get a diploma. In that case, students just go to get their GED. But then if they only have their GED, finding a job is so much harder than if they had their diploma. Poff said,

"The only jobs that you can get if you have a GED are the low paying jobs."

After dropping out of school, it usually does change most of the student's life. Maybe for some it does not, but that might only be for the students who do not care about school anyway. Poff said,

"Yes, dropping out has changed my life, because now I have to work two times harder to get stuff done. Now I respect school. I believe that teenagers need it to be somebody in life."

Most of the time students miss their friends a great deal when they drop out. Poff said,

"I do miss my friends from school, because whenever I am working and trying to make a living, they are always out having fun. But that is a choice I made when I dropped out."

## Issues of diversity addressed

Laura Taliferro  
Principal

Dear North Side Community,

The 2001/2002 school year has flown by - a mere six weeks are left. All years fly by quickly, but this year we have had some atypical events occur.

First, the 50 million dollar renovation project has begun, and time and energy has been devoted to that above and beyond all regular duties. Staff have spent time talking with architects, visiting school sites, and researching what will make their areas and the total school vastly improved. It is a wonderful opportunity for the North Side family as we celebrate our 75-year anniversary.

Secondly, Indiana's, Public Law 221 arrived. And due to this accountability legislation, North Side has had to hold a mirror up to itself and examine what practices are successful and where we need to make some changes. Data from ISTEP, the Effective Schools Battery, and other sources were studied and reviewed. It is clear changes must occur to improve student achievement. And our PL 221 plan includes actions we will take to implement necessary changes.

Thirdly, we experienced an environment-changing event - a diversity assembly held in February. The content of the assembly caused some students and staff to feel unsettled. North Side

is proud of its diversity, but our diversity also means differences. Human beings are oftentimes more comfortable with sameness. Understanding and accepting differences can be enhanced by dialogue, communication, and education.

Through several activities, the following issues were brought forth:

Issues unveiled through student-centered discussions:

Evaluation of Black History Month

Lack of Multicultural based curriculum

Students offended by assembly speaker

Lack of student influence at school

Lack of respect by staff

Unfair application of discipline

We also found a silver lining in this situation as outlined below.

Positive aspects discerned from student-centered discussions:

Student energy created to drive change

Students united behind comments of Willie Smith at assembly

Student maturity reflected in dialogue and written communication concerning sensitive topic

Diversity is a positive reality

Information from assembly affirmed cultural significance

Assembly brought forth an awareness for the need for

more dialogue/experience/information

Students are able to apply effective communication skills

North Side is not unique in any of these issues brought forth by discussion and dialogue. We mirror our society in the 21<sup>st</sup> century, as we have since the school began. However, we cannot settle for or excuse the issues. They are ours to address and resolve. Due to the nature of the issues, they are not easy, and often they are emotional. North Side is committed to finding ways to seek solutions. This will be an ongoing effort; however, we have three actions that will begin before school ends. These include:

Community, parent, staff, and student advisory task force that will assist the school in reviewing/commenting/advising how we are doing with diversity and other issues

All staff will participate in a half-day in-service facilitated by Lambert and Associates.

Peer Mediation students are organizing a Cultural Celebration event for the entire school.

I extend a heart-felt thanks to all students, staff, parents, FWCS staff and the community at large for its support and patience as we attempt to deal with the concerns listed above. Our seniors have taken on a leadership role in this entire process, and a special salute is offered to them.

Growth equals change and change is usually painful, as we have to step out of our comfort zone. North Side's growth can help ensure that our students increase their academic, personal, and social skills and therefore be the best prepared for life after high school. That is our mission. It will take us another 75 years.

## Teaching desires equal cash

Diana Flores  
Reporter

Deciding on a career is not as easy as it may seem. For those who have an interest in teaching, they may just have a great opportunity ahead of them especially if they are a minority. Teachers are needed all over the country, but minorities interested in teaching are needed badly.

Teaching statistics show that only 10 percent of the teachers in the U.S. are of a minority. Scholarships for minorities are open for those interested in taking the path of teaching in the future.

It is a simple application that only takes a few minutes to complete. But, of course,

there are some qualifications that need to be met for this type of scholarship. Grade average can be no lower than a C. Also SAT or ACT testing would be required to see where the student stands at that point. An essay would be part of the application. Last, but not least, a recommendation is required that would be mainly from a teacher or administrator at school.

If granted the scholarship, it provides 1,000 dollars for every year of college attended. Then once graduated from college with the scholarship, if the graduate decides to teach at an Indiana school for three years, then no money is required to be paid back.

"Getting involved with

this scholarship will help pursue a great teaching career," said Lizzie Epps, Guidance Counselor.

Epps thinks this a wonderful scholarship for anyone wishing to pursue a career in teaching, especially if they are a minority. She advises the students to apply for this scholarship and feels that it is an excellent program. Applications are available in the Guidance Office. If there are any questions, just contact a counselor. Applications may also be turned into the Guidance Office when completed.

If teaching is a desire, then why not pursue it and apply for the minority teaching scholarship. Minorities are needed in the classrooms. It is time to get the minority statistics in teaching a little higher than they are now.

## Coming Attractions

April 26th  
Dance Show @ 7:30  
in the NS  
auditorium

April 27th  
Dance Show @ 7:30  
in the NS  
auditorium

April 27th  
March of Dimes  
walk America-  
8:00a.m. @  
Headwaters Park

May 1st  
Lord of the Dance  
8p.m. @ Embassy  
Centre. Ticket prices  
are from \$29-\$44.

May 1st  
National Honor  
Society Program in  
the NS auditorium  
@ 7:00p.m.

May 3rd  
Pride Day

May 3rd  
Senior Meeting

May 4th  
Prom

May 4th  
SAT Test @ NS

May 6th  
AP Tests

May 7th  
AP Tests

May 10th  
Showcase Concert @  
7:30 in NS  
auditorium

May 10th  
Summer School  
enrollments due

May 12th  
Mother's Day

May 13th  
Show Choir  
Workshops

May 14th  
Show Choir  
Workshops

May 15th  
Show Choir  
Auditions

May 16th  
Spring Concert

May 18th  
Armed Forces Day

April 26, 2002

## Things to think about



Melinda Lauer  
Captain

- Who closes the door after the bus driver gets off the bus?
- Why are pizza boxes square when the pizza is round?
- Do they have the word "dictionary" in the dictionary?
- What do you call a female daddy long leg?
- If croutons are stale bread, why do they come in airtight packages?
- Why can't women put on mascara with their mouth closed?
- If a transport truck carrying a load of cars gets into a car accident, does it increase the number of the cars in the pile-up?
- In France do people just ask for toast and get French toast? or do they have to ask for American toast?
- Why does mineral water that has "trickled through mountains for centuries" go out of date next year?
- If Milli Vanilli fell in the woods, would someone else make a sound?
- Why are SOFTballs hard?
- Why do toasters always have a setting that burns the toast to a horrible crisp, which no decent human being would eat?
- Why is it that lemon dish soap is made with real lemons, but lemon juice is artificial flavoring?
- If you stole a pen from a bank then would it still be considered a bank robbery?
- Is French kissing in France just called kissing?
- Why can magicians make things disappear into thin air, but not thick air?
- Why is it that rain drops and snow falls?
- Why is the third hand on the watch called second hand?
- Why is the time of day with the slowest traffic called rush hour?
- Who was the first person to look at a cow and say, "I think I'll squeeze these dangly things here, and drink what ever comes out"?
- If the professor on Gilligan's Island can make a radio out of coconut, why can't he fix a hole in a boat?
- Why is it that cargo is transported by ship while a shipment is transported by car?
- Does peanut butter really have butter in it?
- Is the fear of flying groundless?
- Why do people say, "You scared the living daylight out of me" when daylight is not living?
- Why do people point to their wrist when asking for the time, but people don't point to their crotch when they ask where the bathroom is?
- Why are boxing rings square?
- Why do people never say, "It's only a game" when they're winning?
- What was the best thing before sliced bread?
- Why do birds have white poop?
- Why is an elevator still called an elevator even when it's going down?
- If love is blind, how can we believe in love at first sight?
- If you accidentally ate your own tongue, what would it taste like?
- What's the opposite of opposite?
- If Practice makes perfect, and nobody's perfect, then why practice?
- If you try to fail and succeed, what did you just do?
- Why does Goofy stand erect while Pluto remains on all fours? They're both dogs!

## From the Desk of . . .

### Everybody has many stories to share

Maureen Reidenbach  
English as a New Language  
Teacher

Since I'm new at North Side this year, the Northerner staff invited me to talk about myself on one of their pages. Here's the three-minute version of my life. I grew up on a farm in Noble County, attended West Noble High School, went to undergrad school at Huntington and St. Francis, worked at Fort Wayne State Developmental Center for about 10 years. I was in the Peace Corps in South Korea for two years; that's how I got hooked up with ENL (psych was my major in college). After I got back from Korea, I worked at the Center again for a while to save some money. Then went to grad school at Ball State to get an M.A. in ENL.

Between then and now, I also taught ENL in Ecuador for a year and Costa Rica for a summer. This is my tenth year at Fort Wayne Commu-

nity Schools in the ENL program. I do love ENL, but I want to move back to the farm and raise Clydesdales, dairy calves, and miniature donkeys some day in the not-too-distant future. I've got to get in a lot more traveling in the meantime. I'm hoping to teach ENL in Poland for a month this summer.

My birthday is the same day as Beethoven's and the Boston Tea Party. I've got a story about that. Nearly everything has a story. My favorite Peace Corps story is about a little kid in a little family restaurant bringing out a box of kittens, plopping it on the table for my Peace Corps friends and me to play with while we were waiting for our food. He whisked the kittens away when the food was ready. Now where in the U.S. do you get to play with kittens while waiting for your lunch?

I like to hear other people's stories, too. You students who decorate yourselves a lot to come to school, I'd like to hear your stories. Also, if anyone out there can explain to me where light goes after you turn the lights off, please

do. It can't just be radio waves that change wiggle. Where does the light go? And I like going to the art museum in Chicago and meditating on *Paris: A Rainy Afternoon*: the museum has a machine that blows a misty breeze on you as you gaze at it, and a soundtrack of horse hooves prancing on wet cobblestone. I'm also intrigued with handwriting analysis. You can know a lot about a person by looking at her/his handwriting.

North Side is a cool place to work. I like students who don't know me but say hi anyway. The foreign language corridor is a nice location. I like seeing the cozy group of students who inhabit the hallway across from the FL office room every morning. Another bennie is that NS has girls' gymnastics, but I wish that we would have a boys' team, too.

And as I said before, I like ENL a lot. And I really love it when I see American students and my

ENL students being nice to each other. (Hi Dennis. This means you, for one.) I like it that my students will soon be movers and shakers between Ft. Wayne and the world. Starting right here at NSHS! I like it that North Side is so diverse. Variety is the spice of life!

No, I don't speak all the dozen languages that my forty-some students from fifteen countries speak. In ENL, we just use English. Like a baby doesn't translate and just learns the language. We start with a-b-c and go step by step to subjunctive and Shakespeare. If you're curious, come visit us. We'll show you a good time, and you can tell us *your* story. If you can do magic, have ESP, play 12-string guitar, can explain goth to us, have been abducted by aliens (or would like to be), or if you just like to read books, please come soon. Is this a great country or what?

## Off the record . . .

If you had a time machine, where would you go, and why?



Don Wiley  
Staff

"I'd go back to the 1980s and invest in Microsoft."



Brian Daniels  
Senior

"I would go to ancient Greece and walk around with cool guys like Achilles."



Pat Shown  
Junior

"Back to the future so I could ride a hover skateboard and punch Biff in the face."



Calea Zimmer  
Sophomore

"I'd go back to kindergarten 'cause all we did was fingerpaint and take naps."



Audrey Schwarz  
Freshman

"I would go back and take back things that I regret."

Photos by: Leslie Hilton

## Out of the Blue



These days, 50% of married people get divorced.

## Social groups depend on personal qualities

Sonja Biberstine  
Reporter

All eyes are on the unfamiliar person walking through the front doors of the school. Questions about this person's personality and social status are going through everyone's mind, but the questions are all different.

There are many qualities found in a human being; most are good. Of these, what do others typically look for? Why are such qualities more popular than others?

Freshman Jewell Byrt, said she looks for people who are more laid back to be friends with.

"... because some people are really high-strung and that's not cool," Byrt said.

Mike Kelly, junior, looks for someone who can listen and feels comfortable talking to him.

"Somebody that can step out of their bubble," Kelly said.

Honesty and trustworthi-

ness seemed to be the most commonly sought qualities among students here at North Side.

Since people normally look for specific qualities, groups are generally made up of a certain type of people. What kind of groups are formed at North Side? "Weird people," Beth Hamilton, freshman, said, "because I'm somewhat psychotic."

Hamilton describes her lunch table as the table where people sit at when they do not fit in anywhere else.

Chan Kyaw, also a freshman, said he is friends with mainly academic students and students involved in sports. Most students said they make friends at school.

"Anywhere I go," Kelly said.

Before someone is counted as a friend, there is usually somewhat of a time span. For the students at North Side, it can be anywhere from a few weeks to a year.

"It depends on how they act," Hamilton said.

## Classes skipped because of boredom

Devon Reeder  
Reporter

All students go to school to get an education, but some students also go to school to be prepared for the life ahead of them. Instead of going to their classes, other students choose another option; they choose to either skip or just not to participate in their classes. Two freshmen and a very athletic junior gave their opinions on why they thought students tend to skip their classes instead of completing their class. Jake Berkins, freshman, said, "Students tend to skip classes, because they don't like them."

De' Andre Cobbins, freshman, also agrees with Berkins

about this situation. Cobbins said, "Students tend to skip classes, because they find the class very boring."

Nella Blevins also agreed with the two. Blevins, junior, who is now in Girls' Track, said,

"Students tend to skip their classes, because the classes are so boring. They have nothing to do but skip."

Frank Yeranko, Assistant Principal, on the other hand, had a different opinion. Yeranko said,

"I think students tend to skip their classes because they don't see the importance of their education."

Yeranko also said the consequences for skipping classes ranges from detentions to truancy charges depending on the amount of times the student is caught.

## Students ponder the supernatural

Katie Klein and Sonja Biberstine  
Reporters

Fearing reality, many people create strange explanations for mysterious events and negative happenings.

Students all have their own opinion about supernatural beliefs such as superstitions, fairies, luck, fate, near-death experiences, and the afterlife.

Superstitions, or beliefs or practices resulting from ignorance, fear of the unknown, or trust in magic or chance, are common among people of the world. Included in the category of superstitions is the popular threat of Friday the thirteenth. Cassie Desmonds, freshman, said nothing ever happens because everyone expects negative events to occur on this date.

"Never say bad things on Saturday, the fourteenth," said Desmonds.

Most superstitions tie in with the belief in luck. Such superstitions include never walking under a ladder, throwing salt over the left shoulder, breaking a mirror, and opening an umbrella indoors. It is said that when a mirror is broken, the person is cursed with seven years of bad luck.

"I don't believe in superstitions, because they are not true. I mean like seeing a black cat is going to bring you bad luck; that's just stupid," said Laura Kolkman, junior.

To ward off bad luck, whether caused by a superstition or just bad luck in general, many people have good luck charms. Such charms include the most common rabbit foot.

"I think that some people have good luck and some people don't. I don't have any good luck charms though. Those don't help, but some people think they do," Kolkman said.

"My bowling balls," said Desmonds.

Is Casper real or is he something the entertainment in-

dusty created to make money? According to North Side students, ghosts and spirits really do exist. Those who believe, such as Desmonds, say they have seen things happen.

Melissa Simerman, freshman, believes in the after-life.

"You have to go somewhere when you die," Simerman said.

The afterlife ties in with near-death experiences.

"My aunt saw angels when she was in the hospital," said Jessica Hormann, freshman.

"My great aunt saw a bright light, came back, then died," said Beth Hamilton, freshman.

Aliens are portrayed as little green men in cartoons, and people claim all the time that they have seen a UFO land, take off, and leave a crop circle in a field that is mysteriously gone the next day when they try to prove their story to their friends. But do these Martians exist according to teens?

"I think people need to get help, if they see little green men," Desmonds said.

"They are just hiding out. They only let people they want to see them," Simerman said.

Though students do not think aliens carry ray guns and zap people into ashes like the Marvin the Martian, some do believe they abduct people.

"I woke up one night, and aliens were going through my stuff. I think they abducted me," said Hamilton.

"I'm one of the little green women," Hamilton said.

Imaginary figures occupy many young children's dreams and thoughts. When a child loses a tooth, they expect to find money under their pillow the next morning. And on Christmas morning, it is tradition for children to wake up to presents from Santa Claus.

Though it is natural instinct for humans to cover up a reality they do not want to face, some people call superstitions nonsense.



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## Just one of those days...



Melinda Lauer  
Captain

"I have opinions of my own - strong opinions - but I don't always agree with them."  
George Bush

"It's time for the human race to enter the solar system!"  
Dan Quayle, on the concept of a manned mission to Mars

"Wait a minute! I'm not interested in the agriculture. I want the military stuff."  
Senator William Scott (R-Va.) during a Pentagon briefing.

"If you let that sort of thing go on, your bread and butter will be cut right out from under your feet."  
Ernest Bevin, British foreign minister

"Smoking kills. If you're killed, you've lost a very important part of your life."  
Brooke Shields

"This planet is our home. If we destroy the planet, we've destroyed our home, so it is fundamentally important."  
H. Ross Perot

"The private enterprise system indicates that some people have higher incomes than others."  
Gerry Brown, California governor

"Traditionally, most of Australia's imports come from overseas."  
Keppel Enderbery

"Things are more like they are now than they have ever been."  
President Gerald Ford

"Wherever I have gone in this country, I have found Americans."  
Alf Landon, in a campaign speech while running against FDR

"Those who survived the San Francisco earthquake said, 'Thank God, I'm still alive.' But, of course, those who died, their lives will never be the same again."  
Sen. Barbara Boxer, (D, California)

"If we don't succeed we run the risk of failure."  
Dan Quayle

"We'd like to avoid problems, because when we have problems, we can have troubles."  
Governor Wesley Bolin

"The streets are safe in Philadelphia, it's only the people who make them unsafe."  
Frank Rizzo, Mayor, Philadelphia

"It isn't pollution that is hurting the environment, it's the impurities in our air and water that are doing it."  
Dan Quayle

"I was recently on a tour of Latin America, and the only regret I have was that I didn't study Latin harder in school so I could converse with those people."  
Dan Quayle

"(I want to) make sure everybody who has a job wants a job."  
George Bush, during his 1st campaign for the presidency

"How can a guy this politically immature seriously expect to be president?"  
Franklin D. Roosevelt, Jr., assessing John F. Kennedy's chances in the 1960 election, 1959

"Now that the president has admitted wrongdoing, he should resign."  
Bill Clinton, referring to Nixon's impeachment in 1974, as quoted in The Arkansas Democrat, August 6, 1974

## From the Desk of . . .

### Absurd adventures add to individuality

Among the many things that make us all individual and unique are our experiences, and goodness knows, I have experiences. I think I agree with Tom Hanks in *Forest Gump* when he said, "Life is like a box of chocolates; you never know what you're going to get" because this phrase seems to sum up my life. Just before I started my student teaching here at North Side, my husband and I finally bought a house. Tearing down wallpaper, repainting, and ripping up carpet were minor experiences compared to the total demolition of the spare bathroom, kitchen, and dining room that came quickly after receiving possession of our house on October 31, yes folks, Halloween. I probably should have known I was in for a treat from the very beginning (or was it a trick; I can't remember). Anyway, here is just one example of how my life has changed since moving into this neighborhood.

On the day when our newly

remodeled kitchen was finally completed, I, like a 'good wife', thought I'd make dinner for my husband before he went to work. The meatloaf was in the oven, surrounded by a sea of potatoes and brown sugar baked carrots. The meal had only two minutes and eighteen seconds left to cook when I discovered there was a locking mechanism on the oven and thought I would lock it, just for kicks. It has been said that curiosity killed the cat, but in this case, curiosity nearly killed the meatloaf. The oven locked and would not come unlocked. When I brought this problem to Matt's attention, we immediately attempted to force the oven open and the handle broke off—all with two minutes to go, the house smelling of a tantalizing home-cooked meal, and Matt having to leave in ten minutes. Needless to say, neither one of us were happy, and Matt left for work hungry and angry with the meatloaf still locked in the oven.

After he left, I began calling for a service appointment, but since no

one had a service person available until the next day at the earliest, I began to take the oven apart. Screw by screw, panel by panel, the oven slowly turned into a pile of hardware heaped on the kitchen floor, and I, greasy, in the middle of a first rate mess. As I exposed the electrical schematic, I found myself challenged, seemingly beyond my capabilities, but I kept going. I went to the front of the oven and began taking apart the door, planning on extricating the loaf from the window of the oven, but alas, the only way to dismantle the entire door was by taking the screws out, but to do that, the door must be open.

Frustrated, I contemplated stopping the whole procedure, surrendering the meatloaf to another act of stupidity, and waiting for the service technician to come in the morning. But I didn't. I decided since there was nothing else I could do, I would attempt to

catch the lock mechanism one more time. Inserting a wooden-handled twelve-inch cake-icing utensil, I batted at the lock with all the frustrated force I could muster, and the lock detached! I pulled open the oven, rescued my meatloaf from sure disaster and began putting the oven back together. Fifteen minutes later, the oven was reassembled, pushed back up against the wall, and I was sitting at the dining room table savoring my meal (and I only had one extra screw left!).

Those of you who have me in class realize that this is just one of the ridiculously absurd adventures in the life of Franze. Those of you who don't have me in class, trust me...there are lots of silly stories. Is this column supposed to contain some sort of moral from which you can glean valuable information to help you in your future scholastic careers? Um...not so much.

## Off the record....

If you could have three wishes, what would you wish for?



Ellen Figel  
Staff

"For my family to be safe, happy, and healthy, to be rich, and to be thin."



Gerald Moore  
Senior

"Money, cars, and a big house."



Casey Johnson  
Junior

"For everything to come easy, world peace, and more wishes so I could wish for 24 pigs on my own pig farm, better hair, and the ability to be magical."



Brittany Chamness  
Sophomore

"Grilled chicken Taco Supremes from Taco Bell, a lifetime supply of Mountain Dew, and more wishes."



Daniel Patten  
Freshman

"To be happy, to be rich, and to be the greatest basketball player ever."

Photos by: Leslie Hilton

## Out of the Blue

50% of teenage boys say they would rather be rich than smart.



## Students go out to silence stomachs

Sonja Biberstine  
Reporter

Whether they are hanging out with friends, on a date, or out with their family, teens' stomachs will soon start talking to them.

As the television commercials for Rally's say, "You gotta eat!"

When North Side students' tummies start talking, where do they go to make them quiet down?

When she is with her family, Leah Milledge, freshman, prefers to go to Ponderosa. Ponderosa is located on Coldwater Road across from Glenbrook Mall. For approximately ten dollars, a person can eat from the buffet.

"It's all you can eat," said Milledge.

While with friends, teens

tend to go different places to eat.

"I go to the food court in the mall, because it's close to where I usually already am," said freshman, Cody Elder.

"They have a bunch of choices," said Milledge.

Located in Apple Glen Food Court, Subway, Burger King, Bourbon Street Grill, and Arby's get a lot of business. In the food court, a person can get a meal starting at just two dollars.

For dates, teens tend to head for the more expensive restaurants.

"Friday's," said sophomore, Tom Sheron.

Many said they prefer to go to their mother's kitchen to eat. Though that seems to be the cheapest and most convenient route to go, most parents are not fond of always having their child's friends in the house.

## Language of the eyes

Christina Lauer  
Reporter

Even if words are not exchanged, communication can still occur through the power of body language. People tend to hear with their eyes and not with their ears. That is why the expression, "actions speak louder than words" is used. Even though this expression is true in many different situations, others believe that words speak louder than actions. Kurt Overly, junior said, "I do not think that actions show what you are thinking; only words can express thoughts to the fullest extent possible."

In other situations such as flirting, most believe that actions can show thoughts to the fullest extent

as possible. In most cases, it is shown that when two individuals have an attraction to each other, they tend to cross their legs towards each other or lean their body towards another individual. Carine Cartwright, sophomore said,

"I always cross my legs towards whoever I am talking to, and I can never look anyone in the eyes especially if I have an attraction to them."

Experts say that appearances are just as important as what is said. Slouching can suggest a lack of interest or enthusiasm, while standing straight with weight balanced on each foot makes one look confident and relaxed. Even if the mind is not confident but the body is, that person will be perceived as a confident, well respected individual.

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## Students daringly express their external appearance

Diana Flores  
Reporter

Students want and need to express themselves. Piercings, radical hair styles, and tattoos are just some of several ways that they do this. Walking down the hallways of a school now a days just might be slightly different then from the late 1900s. Not only has the society changed but so have the people. It is now typical to have piercings just about anywhere they can be placed, and changing the color of one's hair seems to be the new style. Some may call those with outrageous piercings freaks, or those who paint their face and dye their different colors as weirdos. But why do students do such things?

Junior Cam Green, expresses himself in many different unique ways. Although others may think he is weird, he just simply brushes their negative comments off and keeps on amazing the rest of his fellow classmates by his famous red hair. Day-by-day he astonishes everyone with a new and outstanding hair style. He not only thinks it is fun to style his hair but also loves to see the reactions of others.

"My hair expresses the

way I feel; it is bright and loud. Just like me," said Green.

Green is not the only one who shows his expressive emotions by his hair. But decorating hair is not the only thing that is popular. Piercings are also common in most teenagers. Face it, teenagers do not go to get their ears pierced any more. It is usually the tongue, lip, eyebrow, or belly button that is getting pierced.

Sophomore, Joshua Geise, loves the several piercings that he has. Geise has his lip pierced and mentioned he only got it pierced because of pain for pleasure. But he did say that it did hurt just a little. He also thinks that piercings show a way of expression. There are those who make certain comments about his piercing, but he does not care or think much of it.

"Most people probably do not think highly of me, but I don't care," said Geise.

Teenagers have ways of expressing themselves and the ways that they feel. A lot has changed since their parents and grandparents went to school, but change is good. Without change, the world would be boring and the same. As long as the way students express themselves does not hurt any other individual, then they should keep on doing it.



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## Video games capture student interest

Blane Pressler  
Reporter

Video games have come a long way from Super Mario and the Ninja Turtle Nintendo games; in recent years, the video game world has expanded greatly and is far more technical than its early beginnings.

Video games have gone from being a game, to a hobby, and for some an obsession. Early Nintendo games were impressive and fun and everyone had to have one. This seems to happen when anything new hits the store's shelves. There are even video game magazines that

a number of video game fans subscribe to featuring the most recent games and news.

From the original Nintendo sprang the Super Nintendo and then other game systems came out soon after. SEGA and other systems became popular, and video games started to grow in number along with larger number of customers.

In the last few years, video games have advanced in many ways. They advanced technically, of course, but also in price and in graphic nature. Not in the sense that they have better graphics, but that some video games display much more realistic bloodshed than in previ-

ous years. People feel that it is just part of the game and adds to the effect just like all the other features of the game.

Some feel that there is too much bloodshed and graphic death scenes for video games; others think there is nothing wrong with the contents of the games they play. Some do not have an opinion either way. Wes Heeren, junior, said,

"I don't mind at all; they're more graphic than it used to be, but I don't care."

Over a few years, the video game industry has changed tremendously and will continue to expand and change with the times and the consumers that the games bring in.

## Musical finds of a new generation

Blane Pressler  
Reporter

One of the popular sources for getting music today is the Internet. Internet sites offer many different types of music and allow people to download as many songs as they desire. There are several web sites out there that offer great new music deals. One such site is the ever famous Napster.

Like many other websites Napster offers hundreds of songs, while at the same time charging its consumers a small fee, per month, that allows them to download music. Many find it to be a good deal, because it is both cheaper than a CD, and allows them to pick the exact songs they want.

Other sites offer deals like buy twelve CDs for the price of one. By advertising.com and www.chcd.com are just two of several that present such deals.

In recent years, people have come across the ability to get music for free through the Internet and other means like CD burners. It has become popular to save money by avoiding costly music store CDs.

Although this may save the average consumer a pretty penny, numerous record companies and music stores feel that they are being swindled by Internet sites that offer music for minor fees or for free. Many also feel that the music artists themselves are suffering from the fans using Internet sites like Napster.

"I think people will always keep buying CDs, but when you can down-



NOW A DAYS students are spending more time downloading music and less time buying CDs. Here you can see Jessica Wilkey on the computer listening to some of her latest downloads.

Photo by: Andy Milents

load music for free, people will continue to do it," said, junior, Sarah Pepple

It is becoming a big deal to some that consumers and creators feel the music industry is being robbed of their rights to charge at the prices they choose. At award shows and in the newspapers, there always seems to be someone asking the public not to use particular downloading sites. They claim the music industry is losing their profits, and that it not only affects them, but the musical artists themselves. Raina Lyons, sophomore, said,

"It's basically about ethics; it's not ethical to download music. You're cheating the companies, but I do it...CDs are expensive, they're not cheap."

It seems that students feel both ways on the subject; some

think the act is unethical. Others do not feel that they are in any way responsible for whether or not it is right or wrong. Many feel that since it is available than why waste the chance.

The prices of CDs are expensive and downloading music is a loophole in being able to enjoy the music they want for much less than music store would charge. If a source of free entertainment is given not everyone will take it, but most people would not turn it down without considering the facts.

The subject of downloading music is very controversial, but while the free source is there, people will continue to use it. The dedicated fans will continue to purchase the CDs, and the music industry will continue to fight against these web sites that continue to put out free music. This subject will continue to be talked about and will keep raising the question of right or wrong.

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Today someone will tell you that you "run funny". Just ignore them, and be very glad they didn't see you throwing a baseball.

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#### VIRGO

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#### LIBRA

You've been a little down lately, and it's time to snap out of it! You will soon begin to enjoy each day no matter what it may deal you.

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Today a friend will tell you that he's been born again. Expect him to be cranky before naptime.

#### SAGITTARIUS

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**Skewed Views**

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## DID YOU KNOW?

In Israel, picking your nose is illegal.

The world's youngest parents were 8 and 9 and lived in China in 1910.

No word in the English language rhymes with month, orange, silver, or purple.

Mr. Rogers is an ordained minister.

The average person falls asleep in seven minutes.

It is impossible to lick your elbow.

Wearing headphones for just an hour will increase the bacteria in your ear by 700 times.

Over 75% of people who read this will try to lick their elbow.

## Pearls of wisdom

"THE TIME TO RELAX IS WHEN YOU DON'T HAVE TIME FOR IT."  
AUTHOR UNKNOWN

"IN THE MIDDLE OF DIFFICULTY LIES OPPORTUNITY."  
ALBERT EINSTEIN

"HE WHO ANGERS YOU CONQUERS YOU."  
ELIZABETH KENNY

"IF YOU ARE PATIENT IN ONE MOMENT OF ANGER, YOU WILL ESCAPE A HUNDRED DAYS OF SORROW."  
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"AN ERROR DOESN'T BECOME A MISTAKE UNTIL YOU REFUSE TO CORRECT IT."  
Q. A. BATTISTA

## Jokes

### Alexander and Kermit

What do Alexander the Great and Kermit the Frog have in common?

Their middle name.

### E.T.

Q: What's E.T. short for?  
A: Because he has little legs!

### Elvis vs. Al Gore

What's the difference between Al Gore and Elvis? Some say Elvis is still alive.

### Harry Potter Stays Back

Why did Harry Potter have to repeat his first year at Hogwarts School of Wizardry and Witchcraft?

Because he couldn't spell.

## Students reflect on their fondest memories

Sonja Biberstine  
Reporter

While reflecting on high school memories, the recent graduate smiles then grimaces as he remembers the two most prominent events.

What good aspects of school life will North Side grads remember most about their high school years?

"My sophomore year on the last day, I sprayed Ms. Whymann with silly string," said Paul Rocha, junior.

Laurie Kemper, also a junior, said that her fondest memory of high school thus far was dancing solo as part of the marching band when they went to the RCA Dome in Indianapolis.

But with every good comes a bad. Kemper said her worst memory was when her

boyfriend cheated on her.

"When I first came to North Side," said, senior, Dijana Melkie, "because I didn't know anyone."

"When Mr. Bierbaum took me out in the hall and cussed at me," said Nick Green, junior.

Rocha remembers his experience, because he thought it was extremely funny. Kemper said she remembers dancing solo, because she performed in front of thousands of people.

Sometimes one's high school years seem unbearable, then they experience something they will remember for the rest of their life. This event can change one's entire view of high school.

"It just goes to show that you can still have fun, even though you are at school," said Rocha.

Those juniors who were interviewed for this story all hope that a new memory will replace their current memory.



DANCE FEVER STRIKES as North Side's very own dance students prepare for their dance show, which they will be performing on the 26th and 27th of April. Bonnie Amburgey, Dance Teacher, and her students have been working hard toward their performance and hope to do just as well when show time arrives. Photo by: Mel Lauer

## Dancers boogie on the dance floor

Blane Pressler  
Reporter

"Proud," the theme of this year's dance show is how many of the dancers feel about this year's program, on April 26 and 27 at 7:30 P.M. Bonnie Amburgey, dance Teacher, said,

"I like the lyrics of the song 'Proud,' because of after September 11. The lyrics of the finale say, 'What have you done today to be proud?'" Amburgey wants the audience to listen to the message of the song and to take in what the lyrics are saying.

As the dancers begin practice, they fill the auditorium chatting and getting ready. When it comes time to start, they prepare and motivate themselves for their dances. They begin their dance, leaving the stage lights off due to

the heat, moving to the music and rhythm of their intense dance.

"It's how I express myself," said senior, Sarah Harter.

She is part of the Independent Study Dance Group and is a dance teacher and soloist for this year's show. She is also lending a hand by helping choreograph the finale "Proud." Harter said,

"I think it's really good that we can do something for America." The girls have been practicing for three weeks on their performances. That includes class time and rehearsals after school. Junior, Tiara Kincade, said,

"The work is always worth it." The girls have put in hard hours and exhibited their ability to make this dance show a success, and show North Side they are "Proud."



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## R-rated films cause controversy

Blane Pressler  
Reporter

Sneaking in, getting someone older to buy a ticket, and lying about age are just a few of the ways younger teens try to get into an R-rated movie. Teens do it all the time; viewers are supposed to be over seventeen to enter an R-rated movie without a parent or guardian. Many teens do not bother following the rules.

It has become a big deal lately to movie theaters about underaged teens getting into R movies. In recent years, horror movies and other rated R films feature "teen actors" who appeal to younger audiences. Some do not understand why movies would be aimed toward the teen market, yet the movie theaters are beginning to crack down on underaged.

"While many R-rated movies are inappropriate for younger viewers because of violent or graphic content, parents may not have objections to their children seeing certain R-rated films," (FTC to congress: www.freedomforum.org/templat...p?documentID=3470&printerfriendly=1)

In 2000, the film Scream 3 was released in numerous theaters all over the country, including Fort Wayne. Theaters applied the "must be seventeen or older" rule strictly, and since then, it has been more difficult for younger teens to get in than it was in the past. Rachel Homan, sophomore, said,

"I think it's really stupid (that) you have to be 17 or over to get in, because PG-13 movies have just as much bad lan-

guage as R-rated."

The majority of horror movies made are appealing to a teen audience, and teens are the ones who want to attend these particular types of films. Even R movies outside of the horror domain are appealing to moviegoers, and a large chunk of those moviegoers are younger audiences. Teens do everything possible to get into the films they want to see, although it is a law they are breaking.

With events like school shootings, people are becoming more aware of what younger audiences are watching, and theaters are becoming more strict. Yet that does not always work. There are a few theaters in Fort Wayne, where teens know their chances of getting in are great, because some theaters are known for not checking IDs.

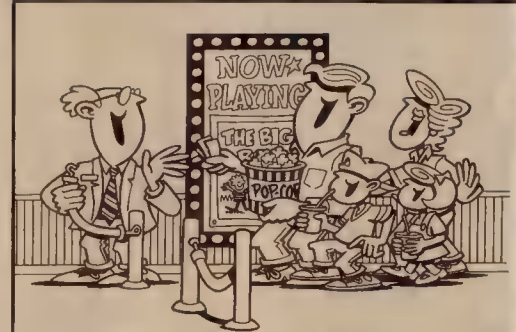
Other theaters are known, to

teens, for always checking IDs. The new RAVE Theater is strict with laws and applies them regularly. Some feel that the laws for the theaters are not fair and are unnecessary.

Teenagers can go to the mall and buy an rated-R movie off the shelf, but a teen cannot go to a movie theater and observe a rated-R movie. The laws that are applied out before people are questioned, and this situation is no different.

Teens can rent R-rated videos and purchase them, but for some reason the theaters and laws are cracking down on teens. People are watching the same movie whether it is from a movie store or in a movie theater.

The laws and rules applied to teens are always being questioned based on equality to adults, and what teens rights truly are. No matter how people feel, the laws are laws and many will continue to question and disobey them.



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### Skewed Views

### Hateful Love

Tamara and Robert began to date To become closer, they couldn't wait. Now it's three months down the road And she found out she's carrying a load.

Now they are faced to make a decision Because neither one had significant provisions So she goes to the clinic The sight makes the heart sick

This poor baby died So they wouldn't be deprived Of their one minute fate These two young people love to hate.

Crystal Daugherty

### MY DREAM LOVER

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I can't do this thing call life  
with out you here with me  
Nelly B.K.A. Cornell Haynes  
I'm obsessed with your brown eyes  
The way you talk and speak your mind  
Every time I see you I'm hypnotized  
But it's only in my mind that our love is real  
The way you look your sex appeal  
Your rhymes and flow are so unique;  
your Country Grammar makes me weak.

Brittany Benson

### Student Poetry

### Beneath

Do you see my tears, identical to your own?  
Do you see my brown eyes, like so many others I've known?  
Could you picture my smile, happy, as are all?

Or must you look at my shin, like others, but perhaps not like you.  
Or the family that I'm in, does it mean that much to you?  
When you see me there I ask you please to think of my heart.  
Beating just as yours does.  
Why must our color pull us apart?

Could you look beyond my skin and see as I do.  
I see two torn people.  
Tell me, do you?

Jewell Byrd



April 26, 2002

## Softball alterations spring hopes for season

Dan Vance  
Guest Reporter

Like leaves from a dying tree, the North Side Softball team has spent the last several seasons rebuilding. Hoping to achieve the prominence the once possessed. Several players have moved through and while producing many bright times, they have failed to be anything more than mediocre. But, while doing all the rebuilding, the Lady 'Skins have been planting the seeds of a younger more dynamic team. Indeed, the times are changing.

After numerous under .500 seasons, last year's team shown signs of greatness. Junior Megan Bryant and 2001 graduate Tierni Green led the team through another sub-par season. Despite putting forth many school record performances, the team ended their season 11-13. One reason the team failed was the loss of star catcher Nicole Richardson. During the 2000-2001 basketball season, Richardson tore her ACL. This was an injury that would keep her out for most of the softball season.

This year, Richardson has returned to a rejuvenated lineup that features several returning standout players. Heading the list is Richardson, who is the team's captain. Richardson will be participating in her fourth year on the varsity team and has been with the

team during the final stages of the rebuilding process.

"Her [Richardson] return is huge," said Coach Casey Kolkman. "She is a great addition to any team, she's a great leader and athlete."

Another highlight for the rebounding Redskins will be junior Karen Freistroffer. Freistroffer stepped up in big ways for the 'Skins last year in Richardson's absence and should provide key experience and leadership this year. While Freistroffer's defense is her key trait, she maintains a strong all around toughness.

"No matter where you put her [Freistroffer], she does a good job," said junior Casey Johnson.

Other key players for the team will be strong defensive player Rachel Komanec, pitcher Lisa Smolek, utility player Katie Harness and one of the team's top batters Megan Richardson. With one of the more experienced teams of recent years, Kolkman is looking forward to becoming a huge threat in the Summit Athletic Conference in just his second year as the softball team's coach.

"We must execute and be able to respond to the good teams," said Kolkman. "Games against Snider and Northrop will be key."

**FIELDING THE BALL**, is, sophomore, Natalie Richardson. The girls' softball team practices daily at North Side Park. The team must prepare for a series of teams they face in the next few weeks.

Photo by:  
Melinda Lauer



Despite high standards set by the coaching staff and each other, Johnson believes there are three main intangible factors for the team to be successful.

"We need to make sure our outfield is solid and our base running is strong," said Johnson. "We also need to make sure that we are comfortable with each other so we can work as one."

Through the early part of the season, those intangibles are working both for and against the team. The team is near a .500 mark, but have struggled in some key matchups. The team has found themselves either winning by a large margin or losing by one.

Last year in the pre-season, Kolkman stood on the field

at North Side Park and watched his team practice with no idea what to expect for the coming season. He knew that one of his best players was out for an indefinite period of time and he was working with a team he had not seen play before. This year, his players are making sure that everyone is aware of what they are in for, and only then can they be sure that the team can succeed.

"If we communicate with each other, we'll be unstoppable," said Richardson. "Only we can stop us from attaining our goals."

Now, the fate of the team may lay in the hands of the seniors. While many underclassmen need to put forth big contributions in their never ending quest for glory, the senior class knows they must step up if they want to win a title in their final season. And Kolkman believes that seniors such as

Richardson, Komanec and Harness need to be role players on the team.

"They [seniors] need to take charge," said Kolkman. "They need to be a positive influence on their teammates and set high standards of excellence in all areas."

The team has critically failed to reach a pinnacle over the last few years, which leaves them underrated in the public and with an unknown future. While teams like Snider and Northrop continue to flourish, everyone seems to look down on the team. Season previews for local newspapers fail to mention the girls' or their impending success. This however, maybe the key for the humbled team to reaching the plateau of success that North Side softball enjoyed in its beginnings.

## QUOTES FROM THE SIDELINE

**"The longer the race, the shorter the champ."**  
-Victor Manciatia

**"Roger Bannister studied the four-minute mile the way Jonas Salk studied polio—with a view to eradicating."**  
-Jim Murray, LA Times

**"No one can say, 'You must not run faster than this, or jump higher than that.' The human spirit is indomitable."**  
-Sir Roger Bannister

**"The man who can drive himself further once the effort gets painful is the man who will win."**  
-Sir Roger Bannister

**"The mile has all the elements of a drama."**  
-Sir Roger Bannister

**"The trouble with a rat race is that even when you win, you're still a rat."**  
-Lily Tomlin

**"I don't believe in burnout. I believe in losing your appetite."**  
-Pat Tyson

**"Your shoes are only as good as the laces they're attached to."**  
-Greg Sampson

**"Don't look back. Something might be gaining on you."**  
-Satchel Paige

**"Two hundred million Americans, and there ain't two good catchers among 'em."**  
-Casey Stengel

**"You can learn little from victory. You can learn everything from defeat."**  
-Christy Mathewson

## Men's track bolts through practice into accomplishments

Matt Hunkler  
Guest Reporter

own body."

There is a great feeling of pleasure in being able to overcome the limits of the body. The other reason that most of the athletes enjoy the track team is because it is a great way to make friends and spend time together. There is also an unknown special event for the track team. It is called the "Fatman Relay." This event is when all the fat guys on the team race around the track. The best part of being on the Track Team according to senior Andy Kline is,

"Our team is like one big family. Nothing is about black and white. Everything is about red and white (North Side)."

Keith Scott and Mike Engler coach the North Side Redskins men's Track and Field Team. The coaches have many hopes and desires for this year's track and field team.

One of the goals is "to try and advance as athletes to state as possible," said Scott. This year's track team is also "just as competitive with a lot of possibilities." Compared to last years team

He also thinks that the track team will do very well this year. The team is very balanced, but there are some standout athletes. They are Dan Timm-Zimmerman, junior, who competes in the 1600, 3200, and the 800-meter. Gentetell Sykes, senior, who competes in the 200, 110 high hurdles, and the 4x4. Clifton Wallace, senior, who competes in the high jump, long jump, and the 110 hurdles, and junior, Bobby Brown who competes in the 100, 200, 4x1, and the long jump.

The Track Team is just beginning the season, and there is a considerable amount of practice to be done. Hopefully, this year's team will surface as winners and compete against the other teams with a great effort.

Running in the woods and creeks is not a North Side daily occurrence for most people, but it is for the long distance runners of the North Side High School Track and Field Team. The men's Track and Field team consists of forty-five men who practice everyday from 2:55-5:20, Monday through Saturday. The athletes start out by stretching and warming up. Then they break up into two groups: the long distance runners, the sprinters, and the field event competitors.

Although the first thing that comes to mind when thinking about the track team is running, running is not the only thing that takes place during a track meet. There are mainly three different categories of events. There are the short distance events that are mostly comprised of the 100-meter dash, the 200-meter, 4x100 (where four individual runners each run one quarter of a lap), the 4x400 (where four individual runners each run one lap), the 110 high hurdles, and the 300 hurdles. Then there are the long distance events. They are the 400-meter dash, the 1600-meter (mile), the 3200-meter (two mile), the 800-meter dash and the 4x800 (where four runners each run two laps). The third group is the field events, and they include the shot put, the discus, the high jump and the long jump. The winners of these events are the competitors who throw the farthest, jump the highest, and jump the longest—not just run the fastest.

Though running around in circles and throwing a metal ball and a discus does not seem like the most entertaining thing in the world, the athletes do have fun. Senior Andy Kline, said,

"Running is fun, because your strongest opponent is your

hard work and practice," said Deemer.

Deemer feels the team should be good enough for the SAC crown, because they were only a couple wins short last year.

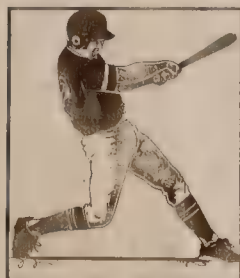
Coach Miller said that his retirement all depends on the outcome of the year.

"If everyone does what they are supposed to, they will be very successful in terms of numerical ratings," said Miller.

The teams' first game was a double-header against Mishawaka on March 30. North Side played a great game scoring seven points while Mishawaka only scored two. The second game, however, did not go as well. The team performed well but lost, the final score for this game was 13-5.

Senior Varsity player, John Conklin, who plays infield, catcher, and pitcher, said he has no worries when it comes to their success.

"SAC champs, here we come," said Conklin.



**ROCKETING THE BALL**, Sam Battell, junior, prepares for the upcoming season opener at one of the teams practices. The team looks forward to playing this year and hopes to capture a sectional title. Photo by: Andy Milentis

## Baseball launches back into action

Tiffany Warren  
Reporter

Screaming fans, the feeling of pride once a home-run has just been hit, or even the relief once the best hitter on the opposing team has just been struck out, these are just a few of the sensations that the baseball team is looking forward to having this season.

Coach Bruce Miller has returned for the 2001-2002 for his nineteenth year. Miller has tried to teach his players to have more aggression while bunting and stealing.

Miller said his key players seem to be senior pitchers, Tony York and Adam Gibson.

"If our team could score three to four points, we'll win a lot of games. Because we have excellent pitching," Miller said.

Junior Sam Battell Varsity baseball player said he thinks the team has a good shot at sectionals.

Battell plays third base and is also a pitcher. He has been playing these po-

sitions since he was four years old. He said,

"We have excellent coaching from Miller, and our new coach, Stew Fisher, keeps the team really disciplined."

Justin Deemer, senior Varsity baseball player plays shortstop and pitcher. Deemer has played these positions for twelve to thirteen years.

"We'll have a good season, if we have no mental errors and a lot of



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LISTENING ON. MEMBERS of the Men's Volleyball Team receive directions from coach Todd Jordan. The guy's team hopes to tune up their rotation and find the winning combination that will lead them to a state championship.  
Photo by: Andy Milentis

## Losing takes its toll on athletes

Dan Vance  
Guest Reporter

Once the pride of our school, the athletic teams have fallen to the ranks of obscurity. The hallway around the gym is littered with championship photos, trophies and memories of North Side athletics' illustrious past. However, only one championship team has existed here in the last four years. As unwelcome as it may be, losing has become a mainstay in the athletic department.

Having a losing sports department can have effects on a number of things. Most of all is the effect it has on the perceived image of the school. For example, when one thinks of Duke University, they think of college basketball. Many however look over pertinent facts. Few realize that Duke is one of the top medical school's in the world and that many of the best doctors come from Duke.

"It's sad that people don't care about other things that tend to be more important," said senior Wade Raines. "Sports is very important to me, but it's not the thing you judge a school by, you have to look at the teachers, students and academics."

During the fall and winter season's, only Men's Cross Country, Wrestling and Women's Bowling managed winning records. In these two seasons, all teams combined to give the school a 297-415-4 record. Despite the losing record, the 287 wins are up 96 from last year's fall and winter seasons. And thus far, no team has been victorious in a

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championship situation since the 1998-1999 men's basketball SAC and Sectional champions.

"Winning championships can build school spirit, camaraderie and good memories," said Principal Laura Taliaferro. "And obviously with bad records, you lose out on that."

On some occasions, a team's losing past can have a strong effect. When a team is known for its losing past, the history alone may mentally psyche out players and coaches.

"It can be very stressful," said football and basketball player Raines. "Both sports I play improved this year, but it's hard to get a victory when ev-

eryone expects you to lose."

Continuo losses may have more of an extremely negative effect. Most athletes can lose for so long before they are forced to confront their own personal demons. Sometimes, athletes can lose interest in competition after losing many games.

"In today's age, it may effect which school you choose to go to," said Taliaferro. "When any program is winning or losing, it probably impacts peoples decisions."

Now, after several years of losing, there is only one way for North Side sports to go, up.

## Men's Volleyball looks for New beginning

Sonja Biberstine  
Reporter

Standing on the court with a net stretched across the gym, a senior watches as the white ball comes flying toward him. With great ease, he spikes the ball and it goes back over the net.

Passing, serving, and setting are a few of the skills needed to be a successful volleyball player. Passing is when a player hits the ball underhanded with their forearms and another teammate steps in and helps out.

When a team member serves the ball, they stand in the back of their half of the court and, holding the ball in one hand, tosses the ball in the air and hits it with their other hand. The ball must go over the net without help from any other players on their team.

When the ball has been set, a player has hit the ball while it was still above their head using the tips of their fingers.

To develop these skills, Rob

Dill, junior, said,

"It takes a lot of practice." The Nguyen, senior, has played volleyball for four years, while this is senior Kris Church's fifth year. Though the two started playing because they dared each other to, they now have new reasons.

Church said his best skills include passing. Nguyen says he's good at setting and serving.

"It keeps you in shape," Church said.

"It's a fun game," Nguyen added.

Dill is also in his fifth year playing volleyball. He said,

"[I started playing] because my older brothers played."

All members of the team think the team has the skills to be competitive.

"We defiantly do. I think we can compete with anyone in the city," Church said.

## Men's Golf team ready to swing

Tiffany Warren  
Reporter

Silence fills the air while concentration and calculations fill every player's minds. Golf may not be one of the most physical or active sports, but it may be one of the toughest.

Players must learn how hard to hit the ball in order to drive it far enough, but they must also make sure not to overpower the golf ball.

Golfers must also know at which angle the ball must be hit correctly to go in a certain direction.

A lot of hard work, determination, and practice go into golf. Golfers, like Ryan Smethers, junior, practice up to twenty-hours a week. In those practices, Smethers lifts weights and tries to work on his weak areas.

Others, like Greg Helmkamp,

junior, try to improve their game by taking lessons. Although Helmkamp has played since he was in the sixth grade, he knows practice is essential.

Even though just as many hours and just as much determination go into playing the game of golf as with any other sport, many people still refuse to see golf as a sport.

People seem to think that golf can be dull or boring, but golfers say if a player understands it, there is nothing like the challenges of the game of golf.

Joel Sprunger, freshman,

said, "Sometimes for people who try to watch golf but don't understand it, it can be boring. But actually playing it and understanding the concept makes it fun. Frustrating, but fun."

## Athletics boost students into college

Paul Short  
Reporter

As athletes work hard all year in the classroom and on the field, it finally pays off in the end.

Scholarships are probably one of the top goals that many student athletes have. In order to get a scholarship, an athlete must first have the ability to play a sport well. Second, athletes must have the grades to prove that they are capable of staying in college once they get there.

The committee or person who awarded them the scholarships would not like it if they dropped out after a year because of bad grades.

There are several senior students who are receiving athletic scholarships this year: Nichole Richardson, Geneva Murdock, and Cameron Smith, just to name a few. Hopefully, there will be many more to come in the future. Senior and cross-country runner, Pete Ryan, said,

"I am going to Bethel College. I have been talking with the coach, and he told me that I must run under a certain time to receive a scholarship."

Sometimes there are other qualifications besides having good grades. A coach also wants

the student to show or prove that he is worth the scholarship. Athletes who get a scholarship for a sport have to perform well not only in game but also in the classroom. Most scholarships require at least a "B" average, but there are some exceptions if an athlete is exceptional at the sport. That exception will only go down to the "C" range, but they must get their average up in the first year they are in college.

It is possible for anyone to get a scholarship by just working hard. Spending a little extra time on any homework teachers might give and taking more time to study up on the bigger grades like tests and quizzes is important.

There are still many students who are working towards receiving scholarships; hopefully they will all make it.

People go for scholarships for many reasons: they might not have enough money, they may be the first one in their family to get one, or they may just have a goal they wish accomplish for themselves. It would be nice if everybody could get a scholarship.

## UPCOMING SPORTS EVENTS

### FRIDAY, APRIL 26

Var Girls Softball vs. Woodlan  
@ North Side Park 4:30 P.M.

### SATURDAY, APRIL 27

Var Boys Golf Dekalb Invitational  
@ Greenhurst 900 A.M.  
Var Girls Softball vs. Homestead  
@ North Side Park 10:00 A.M.

### MONDAY, APRIL 29

Var/Res Girls Tennis vs. Elmhurst @ North Side Park 4:00 P.M.  
Var Girls Softball vs. Northrop @ North Side Park 4:15 P.M.  
Res Baseball vs. Norwell @ North Side Park 4:15 P.M.

### TUESDAY, APRIL 30

Var/Res Boys Golf vs. Northrop @ Elks 3:30 P.M.  
Var Girls Track SAC Meet @ Spuller Stadium 4:00 P.M.  
Res Girls Softball @ Wayne 4:15 P.M.  
Var Baseball vs. Northrop @ North Side Park 4:15 P.M.

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 1

Res Boys Track SAC Reserve Meet @ Snider 4:00 P.M.  
Var/Res Girls Tennis vs. Dwenger @ Swinney 4:00 P.M.  
Var Girls Softball vs. Luers @ Foster Park 4:15 P.M.

### THURSDAY, MAY 2

Var/Res Boys Golf vs. Luers @ ELKS 3:30 P.M.  
Var Baseball vs. Luers @ Foster Park 4:15 P.M.  
Res Girls Softball @ Huntington 4:30 P.M.

### SATURDAY, MAY 4

Var Boys Golf SAC MEET @ ELKS 9:00 A.M.  
Var/Res Baseball @ Eastside 10:00 A.M.  
Var/Res Girls Track Concordia Relays @ Zollner Stadium 11:00 A.M.

### MONDAY, MAY 6

Var/Res Girls Tennis vs. Concordia @ NS Park 4:00 P.M.  
Res Baseball vs. Snider @ Carrington 4:15 P.M.  
Res Girls Softball vs. Elmhurst 4:15 P.M.  
Var Girls Softball vs. Elmhurst @ NS Park 4:15 P.M.

### TUESDAY, MAY 7

Var/Res Boys Golf vs. Elmhurst @ ELKS 3:30 P.M.  
Var Baseball vs. Elmhurst @ NS Park 4:15 P.M.  
Var/Res Boys Track @ Huntington

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Opinion- With friends like these, there is no need for enemies.



Features- The Beautiful Game is a story that will surely occupy minds while keeping them fascinated.



Sports-As seasons wrap up and the school year comes to a close achievements are recognized in place of the usual sports.

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## Financial efforts buy bare necessities

Christina Lauer  
Reporter

Teens help others live the life that they deserve, because some sadly cannot afford the bare necessities of life.

For ten years, North Side has been involved in an organization called the Clothing Drive. This year the North Side PTSA has taken on this challenge of making the lives of many teens happier.

On May 7 and 14, there will be a collection of money from students in homeroom. This money will be used to buy new clothes, shampoo, toothpaste and brushes, etc.

Last year North Side managed to raise over two hundred dollars in the clothing drive. Betsey Roth, a PTSA member and staff member of North Side said,

"This year we would like to top the amount of money we made last year. We would like to collect

over two hundred dollars if it is possible."



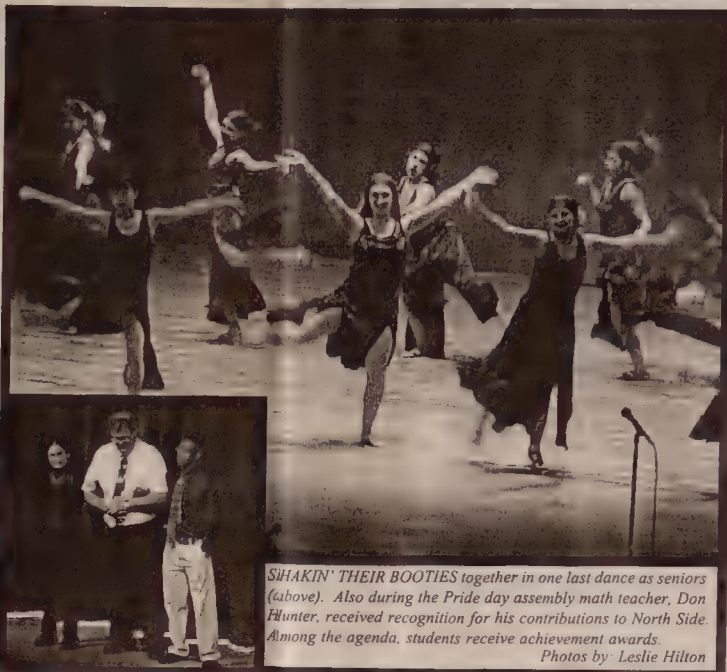
Students from North and other Fort Wayne Community

Schools will be taken down to the Memorial Baptist Church located at 2900 North Anthony to pick out the clothes and other items that are needed. Roth said,

"The clothes that we provide for students are normally in style for teens. We try to pick out the things that we believe they would like."



The PTSA believes that in doing this they are reaching out to teens, letting them know that if they are in a bind, there is a way out. They can help their families and themselves by just contacting a member of the Fort Wayne Community School staff.



SHAKIN' THEIR BOOTIES together in one last dance as seniors (above). Also during the Pride day assembly math teacher, Don Hunter, received recognition for his contributions to North Side. Among the agenda, students receive achievement awards. Photos by Leslie Hilton

### North Side Mission Statement

The mission of North Side High School community is to provide each student with the opportunity to develop the academic, personal, and social skills necessary for graduation and lifelong learning and success.

## Third nine weeks honor roll students

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## Survey says...

In the last issue in the column labeled things to ponder there was a statement

"Who closes the door of the bus after the bus driver gets off?" The correct answer to the statement is that they simply push it with their hand. Although, some of the newer buses have a key that opens and closes the door for them.

Located on the Opinion page, of this issue, there are some comments from students and staff about it.

### Miscellaneous

A camel's backbone is as straight as a horse's backbone.

A blind chameleon still changes color to match its environment.

A baby platypus remains blind for 11 weeks after its birth.

A jack rabbit can jump up to 15 feet.

A sheepy, a ducky and a rooster were the first animals to ever fly in a hot air balloon.

One beaver can cut down 216 trees per year.

A rat can last longer without water than a camel.

A female ferret will die if it goes into heat and cannot find a male.

## Quote of the Day

"THERE CANNOT BE A CRISIS NEXT WEEK. MY SCHEDULE IS ALREADY FULL."  
HENRY KISSINGER

## No sappy tears are shed



Melinda Lauer  
Captain

It's not going to happen. I refuse to do it. Yes, this is the last issue of the school year and my last column, but I refuse to write about all the feelings that go into graduating. Mistakes were made and friends were left behind. Everyone has the general idea of what is going on, and this section of life is complete whether it is wanted or not.

This column is a way to communicate to those in the North Side community, and I would like to make this count. I want to give the biggest thank you's to those that cared for my fellow students and me in times of need. Apologies are handed out to those who got hurt or disparaged. Every single person that I came into contact with during these four years at high school has made, whether it is small or large, an impact on who I am and what I will be. I consider myself to be a great person, so I guess you could say I surrounded myself with great people.

There are a couple of things I would have changed if I could do it all over again. I would have taken the classes I needed in the beginning, had the courage to try-out for sports, and been more open with the way I thought. I would never change the friends I met, the referrals I received for fighting the "man", and the boyfriends to whom I gave a challenge.

Who knows what the future holds for any of us. I am taking my life one day at a time; that's all I can do. Good luck to everybody moving on in life.

This is Melinda Louise Lauer signing off for the very last time. ;)

## Friends in trouble seek supportive people

Tiffany Warren  
Reporter

All of a sudden, a complete silence takes over while four sets of eyes are staring, waiting for a reply. There is no time to actually think of the right choice, so the decision of the peers seems like the only way to go.

While using peer pressure for decision making can sometimes turn out good, it most frequently does not.

When teenagers listen to their peers and do not decide things for themselves, they can often get themselves into situations that they cannot always handle by themselves.

Problems faced by teenagers in today's society are very real and can be very serious. Whether they attend North Side or not, the same problems still apply. The types of problems that teenagers may face include drugs, smoking,

drinking, peer pressure, and teen pregnancy.

Many teenagers are like a freshman at North Side who was faced with a decision to have her baby or to have an abortion. She was just fourteen-years-old when it came time for her decision.

She did not have a trustworthy relationship with her mother, so she ran to one of her friends. She said her friends were more like her family.

"My friends always take care of me, and my mom just doesn't care for me anymore," said freshman student.

Many teenagers feel that the qualities that best describe a good friend would be someone who listens, cares, and would try to get help for them even if they told them not to.

Every day teens may come across many problems. Drinking, smoking, and drugs are just a few them. Aaron Mahoney, freshman, said he has never come across any of these problems.

"People usually start doing drugs to get away from their problems and their families," said Mahoney.

Friend finding can be a very difficult task. When looking for a friend to confide in it must first be decided whether they would be able to trust them with the situation they have, and whether they would even care or not.

Jamie Devinney, freshman, recently fell into a depression period. He did not talk to anyone about it or try to get help.

"I had low self-esteem and I just didn't think that anyone would even care," said Devinney.

He said that if he would have known someone that would have at least pretended to care about how he felt, he probably would not have become so depressed.

Shelby Dean, freshman helped out one of her friends

when she became depressed about being dumped. Her friend began to cut herself so she would forget about her problems.

Dean said, "I think that the reason why she came to me was because she knew that I'd try to understand where she was coming from, and that I'd get her help."

Dean said she listened to her tell her story and was very sympathetic towards her. After she was done telling her the story, she told her that it was a very serious issue and that she should really tell her mother.

Since Dean was so sympathetic, her friend listened to her, and her mom was able to get her help.

It is just like what Devinney said,

"Everyone just wants someone that will at least pretend to care about them."

## Military recruiters provide opportunities

Diana Flores  
Reporter

Being committed to the military is what some students have planned for after high school. But for others, it is a shock to receive military recruitment phone calls. Military recruiters try to find the best and only the best men and women straight out of high school.

There are some qualifications students must have in order to be contacted by the military. Military recruitments look at grades, attendance, and ASVAB test scores.

If a student takes the opportunity to join the military, there are several good benefits to look forward to such as a full paid scholarship to college. There is also traveling around the world, meeting different people, a chance at hands-on opportunities as well as learning and exploring different life options.

For senior, Andrew Klein, the Navy Seals are waiting for him after graduation. Klein has received sev-

eral calls from military recruiters, and he says he is very honored to be one of their choices. He has received about eight calls but was only interested in one. After graduation, Klein plans on being in the military for four years and then returning to go to college which will be provided through the free scholarship opportunity from the military.

"I think the recruitments are very positive and can give someone some pride in themselves for receiving a phone call," said Klein.

Some get annoyed from the several phone calls and are tired of the constant ringing of the phone. Although some may not quite understand the qualifications that the recruiters look for before calling a student asking them to join, if any junior or senior receives a phone call from any military recruiter, it is best to first stop and think. Be proud to have been chosen out of thousands who wish to join but never got a phone call. Last but not least, listen to see what they have to offer. A few years in the military may bring a lifetime of success.

## Out of the Blue

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## North Side traditions lacking

Sonja Biberstine and Paul Short  
Reporters

Every school has something in common; even if they are rivals, they all have traditions. Traditions are events that occur on a regular basis. Some are old some are new, but they all have a certain importance to the school's history.

During Homecoming, North Side High School has a variety of events for students to participate in aside from the expected football game. On Wednesday evening, during the week of homecoming, NS has its annual Powder Puff game between the junior and senior girls. At half

time, the freshmen and sophomores participate in a water balloon toss. Also during homecoming week, the juniors and seniors have fun torturing the freshmen.

"It's always fun throwing freshmen in the garbage can," said senior Matt Dekker.

In recent years, the participation in traditions at NS has decreased for students.

"We are losing a lot of traditions," Pam Houk, Foreign Language Teacher, said, "because student involvement has dropped, and I feel that it's not so much because of apathy, but so many students have jobs and don't have the time to maintain our

traditions."

One of our oldest traditions is Pride Day. Pride Day is when the red carpet gets rolled out on the stage in the auditorium, and the seniors walk down it being greeted by each teacher along the way. After the seniors talk to their former and/or current teachers, the school recognizes students of all levels for their contributions to the school's positive image.

"They could spice the traditions up a little," said junior, HonnaLea Goble.

Many students feel that the traditions are the exact same every year.

## Off the record....

How does the bus door get closed after the bus driver gets off the bus?



Dan Wire  
Staff

"It has to do with a megahertz frequency that's designed for each driver's PH balance."



Charles Phillips  
Senior

"They kick it and have a special key to get back in."



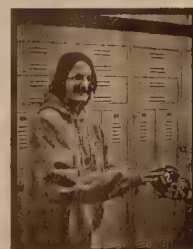
Alicia Nimon  
Junior

"There's a dog who goes in the window, closes the door, and climbs back out."



Nora Didrick  
Sophomore

"There's a remote like for a car."



Holly Bluhm  
Freshman

"There's a timer on the outside."

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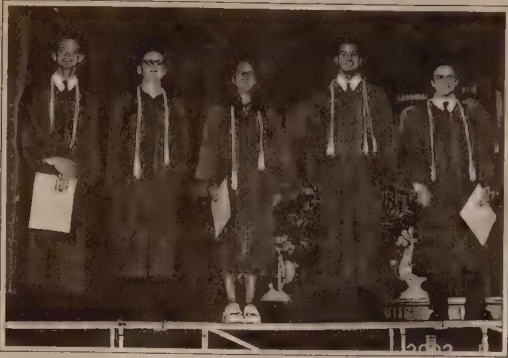
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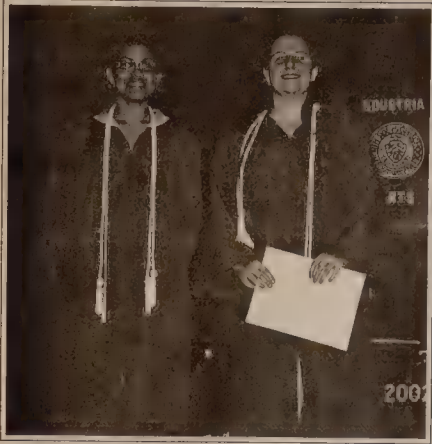
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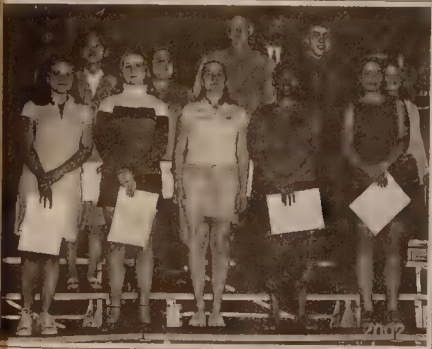
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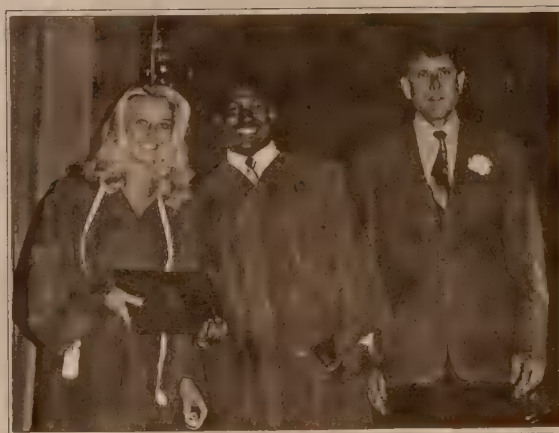
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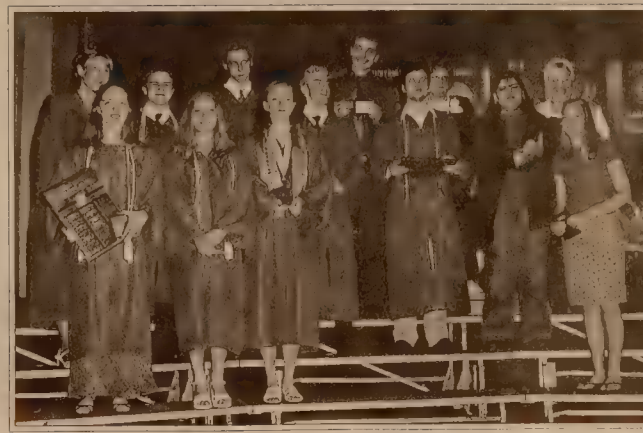
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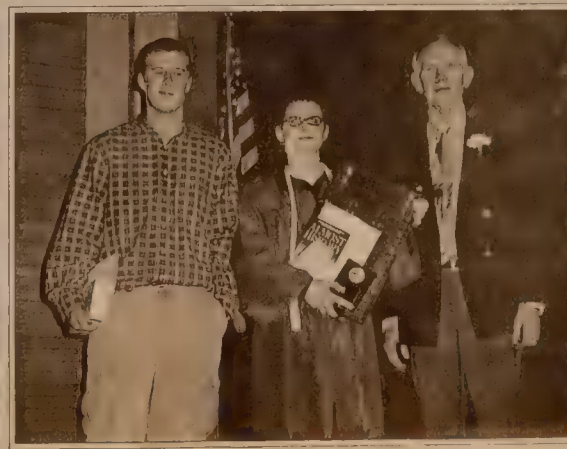
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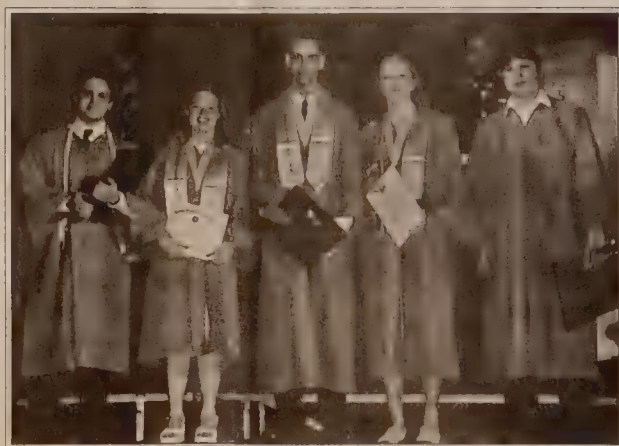
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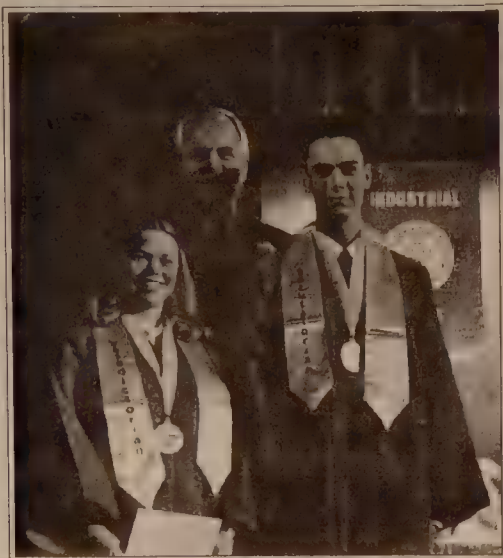
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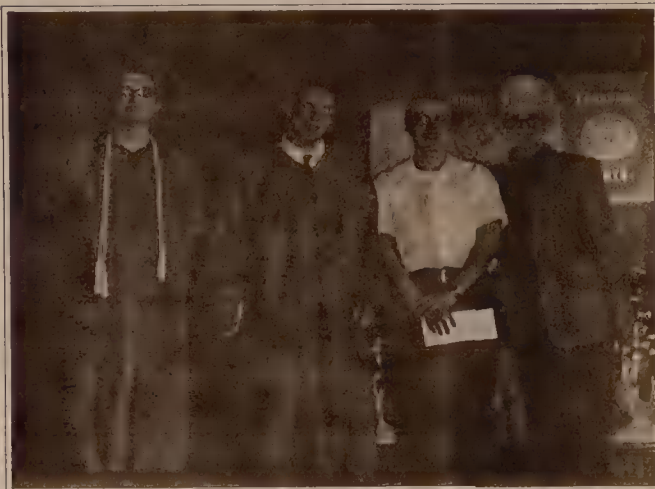
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### PISCES

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### ARIES

This will be a day filled with many sneezes. It'll be a good opportunity to learn how to sneeze "cute".

### TAURUS

You'll discover a trick to making school more interesting by imagining that everyone else has a ferret clinging to their head.

### GEMINI

It's a good day to learn to play the tuba.

### CANCER

Today you should take the time to sit down and have a nice friendly chat with your feet.

### LEO

Today you will read something about power tools, in a magazine with a blue cover, and it will change your life forever.

### VIRGO

You might consider picking up some holy water and a few stout wooden stakes. They'll come in handy soon, although I'm not sure how.

### LIBRA

Someone will drone on and on, today. Try using psychic powers to make their underwear ride up.

### SCORPIO

Today is a good day to pack your things, move to California, and begin driving a taxi.

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## The Beautiful Game earns smashing review

Brittany Billings  
Guest Reporter

Sure to be a story that will stay in your mind forever, *The Beautiful Game* will fascinate everybody you know from your friends to your parents.

While reading the book, *The Beautiful Game*, I noticed that it represents many young women's lives today. This book is a magnificent example of how everyday young female soccer players strive for excellence. The fact that this is a true story makes it even more remarkable.

This book tells the story of 16 teenage girls whom all made the same soccer team and all struggled to make their way to the top. Littman describes what happens when a former college soccer star becomes the coach of a rather unremarkable girls' soccer team in Santa Rose, CA, and tries to lead the team to a championship, a goal they have never achieved.

While giving and inspiring yet honest idea of what is happening on their team, Littman also describes what problems they are having to face in their personal lives.

One reason that this story is better than others is because the author actually followed the Santa Rose Thunder closely throughout the season, telling about their ups and downs. The author of the book, Jonathon Littman, did a thorough job on describing the scenarios in the girls' lives. One thing I enjoyed about the book is that it is written through the words of the people that it is about.

Because this book is an inspirational story that tells how 16 girls try to be the best and succeed, all while having to get along with each other, it is likely to be one of everybody's favorites. If you are a soccer player, a coach, or a parent than this would definitely be the book for you. Many might also like this book because it tells how everything really is and does not modify situations to make them sound more pleasant.

One thing that I appreciated about this book is the way they de-

scribe the moods of everyone in the book. Though this is a great book, I still noticed that there are many things that sound a bit intense; these are things that some parents or coaches might not be pleased about. While, some parents may dislike parts of the book, I am sure others will find it tutorial towards their children about lessons in achievement and getting along with other children. This book has been called "THE BEST BOOK IN THE WORLD" or "An excellent book for soccer moms and dads," but I find this book to be just astounding.

"Littman's story of the 16 club soccer players from Santa Rose is an excellent read for anyone with competitive soccer players. The book details the ups and downs of club soccer as the girls develop both on and off the field." Said a soccer dad from L.A.

Though it was his first book on sports and teenage girls, Littman still did a fantastic job on describing all of the girls' lives, situations, and feeling. Everyone's feelings are well represented and described.

Though there are many strengths of this book, there are also a few weaknesses. One of these weaknesses is that all throughout the book there are stereotypes of soccer players. For example, it calls most travels players upper class and egotistical. The minority might agree with this judgment but this statement might offend many. In addition to having stereotypes in this book, it also has a disagreeable ending. Not that it is a terrible end or that it makes the entire story worse, but it just seems like the story is completely over when it should carry-on and when you want to keep reading more.

I found this to be a good book for struggling soccer players to read and to be taught with. Despite the fact that it was not written as an instruction book, but a book on the ups and downs of 16 teenagers, it most likely will still teach everybody who reads it a lesson or two.

If you like books about strength, emotion, and soccer than this will probably be one of your favorites. This is my favorite book and I am sure it will be one of yours too.



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## Local bands make some noise

Dan Vance  
Reporter

Following in the footsteps of the past, many student bands have surfaced at North Side over the past year. With successful acts of the past including All Pain Aside and Skavosas, the school has always had a reputation for good sounds in the music world. So, do today's bands match up with their predecessors or do they fail to pass the test?

Though it features only one North Side student, the group Cold Wet + Alone is tops on the list. Freshman drummer Jamie DeVinney-Stoner brings a distinct edge to this hard-hitting triffecta. One of the group's key strengths is their intensity and strong desire for music. Though the vocals of Northrop student Andi Morel leave something to be desired, the band's strongly written songs pave the way for success. The best of their originals is "Pride in Nothing," a song about the offensive nature of Americanism and based on certain events in American history. The group's live performances make up for the somewhat needy recordings. With a good selection over cover songs including "Eye of the Tiger," they let their musical roots be shown. As an added bonus, "Pride in Nothing" and the emo rock song "Another Day" are regulars on MP3.com's Top Ten Songs for Fort Wayne.

Another group featuring only one North Side student is Flatline. Though good, they struggle with vocals. Led by freshman Mitchell Green, the instrumentals can be enjoyable, but tend to get repetitive. While the song "American Punk" shows the creativity going in the right direction, other songs make it seem if there is no hope for this act. On a normal occa-

sion, they try to hard to achieve a hardcore punk rock sound that doesn't fit them, but someone should tell them they aren't The Ramones. While their lyrics, written by the group and junior Cam Green are decent in content, they lack the edge they need for a punk rock sound. Their song "School Dance" highlights their lack of initiative to have good sounding music. Despite poor attempts, this band is not quite worth the price of admission. In fact, they should pay you.

After dropping a guitarist and their name, the group now known as The Currency has kicked it up a notch. After being disappointed with a performance by them last June, I was pleasantly surprised to hear their improvement at the Urination Celebration on April 14. Headed by Chris Christen, the group that includes senior bassist Dave Frank and sophomore drummer Eric Frank brings a new sound the local music scene. Christen's unique vocals are the intangible that brings this band to new heights. Their die hard cover of the Billy Idol hit "White Wedding" is an instant classic. Meanwhile, "Autumn, as in Oregon" showcases the group's song writing stronghold. The group also impressed judges at a recent Battle of the Bands contest. The band managed to place third in a field of talented artists. They have also released a live CD from the Grand Wayne Center show that is impressive in itself and will keep the fans around for the times to come.

Seniors Sarah Mick and Maggie Tielker's group Blue Background also adds a unique sound to the local scene. Their smooth sounding "Don't Change" is a real feel good song. It highlights a list of impressive tracks that are

a welcome refresher in a time where most female singers and groups have gone pop. "Don't Change" is also a regular on MP3.com's Top Ten Songs for Fort Wayne, reaching as high as five. Though I have yet to hear a live set, the group's recordings are an indication of Blue Backgrounds future. The group is also a strong competitor at many local contests. The group rightfully earned second place in a contest to determine an opening act for national recording artist Michelle Branch. They also took home first place at a recent Battle of the Bands contest at the Grand Wayne Center.

Finishing off id the death metal four-some Piss on Feet. The group consisting of seniors Alex DeVinney-Stoner and Brandon Tobin and freshmen Jamie DeVinney-Stoner and Zach McKillip produce the some of the saddest music I have ever heard. For a creative stand to help their unique sound, Piss on Feet cites boy band \*N Sync as one of their main musical inspirations. Through two CD's of screaming and barely recognizable vocals, there are few highlights. Topping the list is "A History of the End of the World," a mostly spoken word track chronicling the futuristic battle between Godzilla, King Kong and Super Mario. Another hit is the annoyingly entertaining twenty-minute version of "The Song That Doesn't End." The group made their live debut at the Urination Celebration on April 14. Their live show adds a whole new sick and twisted element to the work of four very depraved young men.

While some might be just a high school band, hopes are high for a few. Once they clean up their vocals, Cold Wet + Alone could be the next big thing to come out of Fort Wayne. As Skavosas and Snider graduates Jettingham have reached a national level, these groups are ready to step up to the plate and prove their worth.

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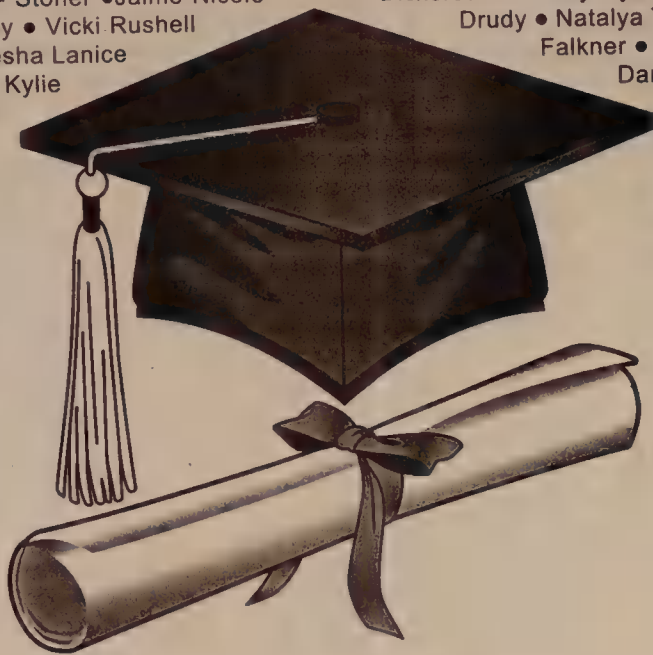


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